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And yet I want Him to care for me  
While I live in this world where the  
sorrows be!  
When the lights die down from the  
path I take;  
When strength is feeble, and friends  
forsake;  
When love and music, that once did  
bless,  
Have left me to silence and loneliness,  
And my life song changes to silent  
prayers—  
Then my heart cries out for a God  
who cares.

—*Marianne Farningham*

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## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

We do not believe the people of Colorado will be any better pleased with the settlement of the gubernatorial contest than the country at large. A compromise has been agreed to, by which Adams was ousted, Peabody sworn in, his resignation being already in the hands of an outsider, and upon Peabody's resignation McDonald, Republican lieutenant-governor becoming governor. It was all brought about by a party vote, and the result makes a man governor who wasn't even a candidate for the office. Gov. Adams promises a statement to the public, but declines to keep his position by force.

On March 15th the report of the committee of the French Chamber of Deputies on separation of Church and State of Church and State in France, was distributed in the assembly. It deals elaborately with the relations of the two from the earliest times, and says: "We maintain that the sole possible solution for the interior difficulties growing out of the concordat is a loyal and complete separation of church and state, particularly under a democracy." An "official religion" is such a "defiance of logic and good sense" that it seems astonishing that the Republic should have continued it for thirty-four years. When will our English cousins awake to a similar degree of sanity and equity?

California is leading in steps toward practical Christian union. The advocates of union have Federated School watched with satisfaction the success of the co-operation of the Baptists, Congregationalists and Disciples in education at Berkeley. A movement including a larger number of churches is the plan to hold a Federated Summer School of Theology in connection with the State University at Berkeley this summer.

The projected school will be held under the auspices of Pacific Coast Theological Seminary, Congregational; San Francisco Theological Seminary, Presbyterian; Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Episcopalian; Berkeley Bible Seminary, Disciples; Baptist Theological Seminary, Baptist.

The plans and conduct of the school will be in the hands of the executive committee consisting of one representative of each co-operating faculty as follows:

Professor T. F. Day, Presbyterian, chairman; Dean Hiram Van Kirk, Disciples; President C. M. Hill, Baptist; Professor J. O. Lincoln, Episcopal; Professor C. S. Nash, Congregational, Sec.

At last the President seems to have abandoned the Santo Domingo treaty, by the terms of Santo Domingo which the United States was to collect the imposts of the Island for the benefit of foreign creditors, money-lenders and others. The two custom houses already in our hands, where the collections are made for the benefit of a concern in which a number of Americans are interested, will be managed as before, since they are covered by a previous agreement. The Senate felt that many of these creditors abroad are making extortionate demands; that they are leeches and grafters; and hence they did not wish to see this country involved any further. It is stated that even the claim of the American company is quasi-fraudulent, but the nation can do nothing but take over the customs according to the terms of the treaty. This debt with interest amounts to \$5,000,000, and it will take at least ten years to satisfy it.

The Russo-Japanese war is one of the most sanguinary in history. If any humanitarian has been flattering himself that the science of modern warfare has ameliorated the terrors of the battlefield, he is by this time deceived. The soldier in action is more than ever a fiend, and all the glory of war is revolting. The last of the week brought to pass the expected, in the surrounding of Kouropatkin at Tie Pass by the tireless Japanese. French financiers seemed not to want any more Russian bonds, and it was intimated that Russia was reaching the limit of her credit, though this is scarcely credible. It is intimated from St. Petersburg that the French bondholders are urging peace. The selfishness of capital is really on the side of peace—unless we except the capital invested in making guns and armor plate.

Andrew Carnegie is a man whose opinions ought to be worth something, Navy at least in those fields for which experience has fitted him to be an accurate observer. At a dinner on March 15th in Washington by ex-Senator Henry G. Davis to the members of the Pan-American Railway Committee, a letter from Mr. Carnegie was read, in which he expressed his unflagging interest in the project of an intercontinental railway. "Against the big navy program," he said, "let us put the Pan-American Railway, which would cost less money in the next twenty years than the temporary navy. All navies are temporary, and cost enormous sums for maintenance." There is no doubt room for argument on the ques-

tion of a big navy as a peace measure, but no one can object to industrial development. Mr. Carnegie and the rest of the committee must not expect the government to aid substantially in building such a railway unless government control is stipulated.

Hon. Seth Lowe recently addressed the Harvard Political Club on "A College Man's Influence on Politics." He advised the men to join one of the two great parties, to eschew the habit of criticism and to remember that both feeling and intellect have their places in politics. He thinks college men are especially set to prevent corruption. To do this they must not only respect the people, but also be men whom the people can respect.

Grand Duke Nicolas Nicolaievitch, second cousin of the Czar, will succeed Kouropatkin, and it is possible that an army of 400,000 men will be sent to the far east. The peasants are too stolid evidently to realize that this is not their fight.

Dr. Jordan, president of Stanford University, has published a statement that the theory of accidental or criminal poisoning of Mrs. Jane Stanford is "without foundation, and incompatible with the evidence."

A severe storm of wind and rain has swept the coast of southern California, doing much damage to wharves, piers and city blocks. Los Angeles was cut off from the world temporarily. Every climate has its eccentricities.

Frank D. Comerford, recently expelled from the Illinois legislature for daring to make charges of bribery, has repeated his charges before the Grand Jury at Springfield.

## The POLISH INSURRECTION

Alfred Tennyson

Blow ye the trumpet, gather from afar  
The hosts of battle; be not bought and sold.  
Arise, brave Poles, the boldest of the bold.  
Break through your iron shackles, fling them far!  
O for those days of Plast, e'er the Czar  
Grew to his strength among his deserts cold;  
When even to Moscow's cupolas were rolled  
The growing murmurs of the Polish war!  
Now must your noble anger blaze out more  
Than when from Sobieski, clan by clan,  
The Moslem myriads fell, and fled before—  
Than when Zamoysky smote the Tartar Khan;  
Than earlier, when on the Baltic shore,  
Boleslas drove the Pomeranian.



## EDITORIAL

### THE VALUE OF SINCERITY

**T**HE word sincere is one of the most remarkable of New Testament terms. It signifies transparency, something you can see through. There is a moral as well as a material transparency, a luminosity of character, a lucidity of motive, that one can see through as he can through cut glass or clear water in things natural. As applied to a Christian the word denotes such simplicity and purity of character as to be easily seen and understood. The opposite quality is deceit, cunning, depth, secretiveness, concealment of inward character. As Paul figured it out in his prayer for the Philippian, a Christian man ought to be a transparent man, a man so pure and luminous that you can see through him, without any need of resorting to a psychological X-ray process. Macomber said the chief characteristic of Dr. Johnson's mind was the union of great powers and low prejudices. The chief characteristic of a Pauline Christian man is the union of a pure heart and an honest mind. It takes these two things always to make the great quality of sincerity. A man to be transparent, need not of necessity carry his heart on his sleeve for Daws to peck at, but a Spanish proverb declares that an honest man carries his heart in a glass, and you can see into a glass if not through it. Ordinarily right thinking people are partial to a man they can see through, that is to say, they greatly prefer a man into whose nature they can penetrate far enough to understand him. An old Scotch woman said of her husband after she had been married to him forty years: "I dinna kere any more about that mon than I did the first day I ever saw him." That opaque old Scot was one of your secretive, undemonstrative, cold blooded animals, who like some things in Paul's epistles are hard to be understood. People as a rule are not partial to men of that stamp. We like an open-hearted transparent, unsophisticated, simple natured man, one easily understood, faults and all.

The claim may be put forth, and with some show of reason, that this is to a large extent a question of temperament, and some one has said that temperament is to a man, what climate is to a country—fate. So far as natural constitution is concerned timidity is generally a sign of sincerity. Timid people are nearly always honest and simple hearted. Timidity is sometimes mistaken for pride but never for insincerity. The shrinking silence and lack of aggressive sociability on the part of timid people is sometimes thought to be the reserve of pride and the contempt of haughtiness, but only by persons without discernment of human character. An excess of timidity is a fault, but the entire lack of it is not a virtue. The impulsive outspoken temperament, like Peter, is generally associated with an honest disposition. It may say and do a great many foolish things but hypocrisy is not one of its sins. Give us an impulsive outspoken man who lets you see all that is in him, a thousand times over in preference to a gumelastic, India rubber, unemotional, cold blooded, secretive individual who gives you the impression all the time that he would rather conceal than reveal himself. Let the sun light of God shift

through a man and you will see what is in him, for the eye can always follow the sun. Light is transparent and the disciples are said to be the light of the world. Light is pure, it is the only thing in nature that can not be corrupted, and this also is a symbol of discipleship.

We believe that Thomas Carlyle was right when he insisted that sincerity was the greatest of human virtues. We used to say that Mahomet was an impostor and Oliver Cromwell was a hypocrit. The density of our prejudices caused us to believe that these two great men were frauds and that they played the game of a stupendous insincerity in trying to deceive and mislead mankind; but Carlyle has taught us that no man can be great or do anything great, or live in the heart and memory of the world who is not sincere in every fibre of his being. The evil a hypocrit does may live after him, but his memory is interred with his bones or lives to be execrated of mankind. It is safer to trust the instincts of the people than the reasoned conclusions of theologians. When the people say, if a man is only sincere and conscientious, if he is mistaken in what he does, God will accept the will for the deed, they are right, if they use the word sincere in the Pauline sense. It is an elemental doctrine of ethics that the motive determines the moral quality of an action. We are condemned or approved for our motives, and motive lies at the heart of sincerity. If a man is pure, honest, simple hearted, transparent, self-revealing and Christ-revealing in his behavior, and conscientious in the discharge of what he believes to be his duty, one may well afford to stand for all the rest, although the man's judgment may be far from infallible.

### THE MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN IN CHICAGO

**T**HIS city is in the midst of an active and exciting campaign preparatory to the election of mayor next month. The issues of the campaign are being closely turned. The one which is most conspicuous relates to the municipal ownership of the street railways. The republican candidate, Mr. John Maynard Harlan, is in favor of municipal ownership; the democratic candidate, Judge Dunne, is also in favor of municipal ownership. There seems to be no other view than one favorable to the general principle of city control, the only difference between the two candidates and platforms is one of method and time. Judge Dunne and the democratic party hold the doctrine of immediate municipal possession of the traction lines. Mr. Harlan advocates the plan of progressive ownership. To the bystander there seems to be no essential difference between the two positions on this question. Both affirm the desirability of getting the traction lines into the city's possession as soon as possible.

Meantime, both these candidates seem singularly unconcerned by any other public question. It may be supposed that they have views upon other matters, but thus far it has been impossible to get any declaration from them. The matter which is regarded by many as the chief concern of the present time, the liquor question, is absolutely disregarded by both of these candidates. A

committee of ministers and laymen was recently appointed, representing seventeen different denominations, and headed by some of the strongest Christian workers in the city. This committee interviewed all of the candidates for mayor. Judge Dunne states that he is not in favor of closing saloons on Sunday, and would do nothing in behalf of such an effort. Mr. Harlan, the republican candidate, takes precisely the same view. He says that he will do nothing to enforce the law. To quote his exact words, he claims that "It will be ruinous for any man in a position of mayor to attempt the enforcement of a law which the people are not in sympathy with. The mass of the population of Chicago desire saloons open on Sunday." Mr. Harlan further stated that he was himself not averse to the use of liquor, and would take no hostile stand toward the trade. Both Judge Dunne and Mr. Harlan, when asked if they did not believe the law against the Sunday saloon should be enforced and that the non-observance of law was a condition of anarchy most threatening to public welfare, aside from the moral danger of the open saloon, replied that they could not help the situation, and the committee must make the best of their attitude. Mr. Collins, the socialist candidate for mayor, stated he had no particular sentiment on the subject, that if elected he would do as the sentiment of his party should dictate on the saloon question.

On the other hand, Mr. O. W. Stewart, the prohibition candidate for mayor, when interviewed, expressed himself in unequivocal terms as follows:

"The city has been treated to the amazing spectacle presented by opposing candidates in the announcement that, if elected, they will not enforce certain laws against saloons. This is anarchy with a vengeance. The safety of the city of Chicago is to be found along the line of obedience to law. No man as mayor can be depended upon to enforce law who announces that he will break law himself if elected. Speaking for myself, I emphatically affirm that if I were elected mayor of this city I would not perjure myself. The oath of office of the mayor commits that official to the enforcement of law. I do not believe that the saloon is a sacred institution, and I do not believe that it is above law. If there is to be 'a square deal for all,' the law should be enforced as to saloon-keepers.

It is exceedingly important that the people of Chicago should be able to have this, perhaps the most important issue of the campaign, placed before them in this clear light, and to know exactly the attitude of the different candidates toward it. Municipal ownership is no doubt a matter of some moment to the city. At the same time there are few Christian people who will be willing to commit themselves to the fallacy that it has any such significance to the welfare of this town as the enforcement of laws against the liquor power. Mr. Stewart is making a splendid campaign. He has the very elements of fearlessness and sincerity that attract people. There is a rising sentiment of protest against the attitude of the other candidates on the subject of the saloon. It seems to us impossible that any man who loves righteousness and hates iniquity should throw his influence to any candidate who puts questions of commercial character above those regarding moral issues.



## 56 COLUMBIA CONGRESS

**A** SIDE from the comparative difficulty of approach on account of poor railway facilities, no better place than Columbia could be had for a session of the Congress. It is emphatically an educational centre, and contains a cultured and hospitable population.

The Columbia church in the past has been strong, and its preachers influential. The long ministry of C. H. Winders has more than kept good the ancient traditions. During the past year the church has added a gallery to its auditorium, which now seats more than 1,000 people. At the same time there has been a net increase of 150 in the membership of the church. It was gratifying to see a large number of the young ministers in attendance, and equally so to hear their strong utterances on the questions of the times. There were many whom we wished to see—Richardson, Combs, Powell, Jenkins, A. B. Philputt, Power, the Tylers and others.

The atmosphere was stimulating, and no one could enter it without feeling invigorated. But it was warm and rich with the fragrance of a deeper spirituality than we have often known. It was as good for the heart as for the head, and will take a high place in the memory of those who were present.

Our congresses call for careful preparation of both the leading papers and the reviews. The work of the men on the program was by no means disappointing in this respect. They are all worthy of publication in our religious journals. Space allows us to give only the chief points and some of the pointed utterances.

The discussion of the paper by W. A. Parker, Emporia, Kansas, on "Our Congregationalism, Its Perils and Its Safeguards," led to the view that the difficulty with which we secure co-operation in missionary work is to be overcome not by moving toward the episcopal form of government, but by voluntary co-operation such as exists between our churches in Kansas City, where each church is represented on a central advisory board, which meets quarterly to consider the interests of the entire cause and of each individual congregation.

The Congress was especially enriched by the presence of Dr. Henry Churchill King, president of Oberlin College, whose breadth of vision and reverent devoted spirit exerted a marked influence over every meeting. In his address Tuesday evening on "The Central Significance of Jesus," President King said in part:

The different characteristics of this age—the questioning spirit, transitoriness, the desire for the real, the emphasis upon personality—all point toward Jesus Christ as the center of our life and thought.

"Jesus Christ is the greatest in the greatest sphere." "The religious leader is transcendent because he makes the light in which his generation sees everything, in history and in present life." Jesus' pre-eminence is seen (1) in the fact that he purposed to found a kingdom which should be spiritual, include all men and be eternal—such vitality of will alone is wonderful. (2) That with the highest ideal he rises to it and compels others to admit that he has reached it. (3) That he has such a character that we can transfer it feature by feature to

God without any sense of lack or blasphemy. (4) That Jesus was consciously able to redeem all men. (5) In that he is able to call out absolute trust. "In his hands alone would we place our lives without reserve." He who gives himself to Jesus, the greatest fact in history and lets it make its legitimate impression upon him will find God. "(6) Jesus is humanity's ideal realized." Nothing could we add to the character of Jesus that would help us to believe that God was in him." "The greatest facts of history are persons; the greatest person is Jesus; confession of him is the test of Christian character and the point in which we are to find Christian unity."

In the absence of M. M. Davis, Howard T. Cree, Augusta, Ga., presented a paper on "The Gospel Miracles." The conclusion reached in this paper was that miracles must not be thought of as an accident or mere circumstance in the life of Jesus; but is a part of Revelation, an expression of Jesus' personality. The writer's purpose was practical rather than philosophical.

The session opened Wednesday afternoon with the singing of "The Sweet By and By," led by T. A. Abbott of Missouri. President Hieronymus introduced Dr. R. H. Jesse, president of the Missouri University, who was ill and unable to be present earlier, to say a word of welcome, which he did in his usual graceful way. Among other things he said: "If what our respective churches believe were carefully written out, the differences would not be any greater than those between our Prof. McGarvey and Editor Garrison." Dr. Jesse is a Baptist, and in this way raised the question, "What keeps our churches apart?"

President Hieronymus then presented Dr. King for his second address; subject, "The Fundamental Laws of the Spiritual World." This address was deeply spiritual, clear, hopeful and inspiring. There were touches of fine feeling and lofty eloquence. It was as if Frederick W. Robertson had begun to live again, and preach in his matchless way. C. C. Row-lison, president of Hiram College, who was to review the address, spoke in the highest praise of it, confessed his inability to find anything to dissent from, and suggested that the method of spiritual growth outlined is also the method of Christian union, and we would do well to profit by it. President King was voted the unanimous thanks of the audience, and tarried with us until the reception in the evening.

The paper, "Religious Journalism, Its Rights and Responsibilities," by L. G. Batman of Philadelphia, was moved up from Thursday, so the Congress might adjourn at noon that day. This was a well written address, and was closely followed by the entire audience, especially the editors who were present. Mr. Batman pointed out that while the papers are legally the property of the stockholders, in another sense they belong to the great brotherhood whose name they wear and whose patronage they claim. "The religious journal is a church utility." Its purpose must not be self-centered, but one with that of the church. It should not be that any man with an editorial bee can start a paper; the church, he said, should have a veto power. The journal has a right to a fair return on money invested and labor expended; no right to fill page after page exalting itself. It has a right to enter the advertising field,

but no right to place ads. anywhere and everywhere, nor insert those that smack of quackery. There are two theories of journalism—give the people what they want, or seek the highest good of the readers. To favor or attack anything or anybody just because it's popular, is yellow journalism. The counting room test should never dominate. The paper has the right to print all the news, but not the right to gossip! Our journalism would be greatly improved if a high literary standard were set up and maintained. It has a right to an opinion. The best religious journal is not the one that knows where heresy is to break out next, and has a man on the ground to report it, or even works up an artificial eruption. There are many open questions. "Religious truth cannot be exactly determined, like the length of a yardstick." The paper has a right to demand the support of the church whose name it bears.

The paper closed with an admirable presentation of the responsibilities of the religious journal. There is no force that exerts so great an influence on man as the printed page. More than any other force, it determines the thought of the age. Our journals must develop a more sympathetic and liberal spirit; must give vision of line of march and method of work. The opportunity of the religious journal was never so great as it is to-day.

In discussing the address, Dr. Moore facetiously observed, "We are on a subject now that everybody knows all about!" Briney, Tyrrell, Garrison and Lord spoke briefly.

The nominating committee reported: For president, J. H. Garrison; vice-president, B. A. Jenkins; program committee, Coler, Hieronymus and Willett, and approved the suggestion that the next session be devoted chiefly to our educational interests. Report adopted.

The Wednesday night session was held in the chapel of Christian College, the Wellesley of the west. J. H. Hardin of Missouri presided. The Christian College Glee Club rendered a special selection, after which Chairman Hardin felicitated the Congress on being guests of the College, and introduced Geo. A. Bellamy of Ohio, who delivered a fine address on "The Social Test of Theology." Harold Bell Wright, author of "That Printer of Udell's" reviewed the address, after which the time did not suffice for the discussion of one of the most vital themes of the Congress.

The visitors to Columbia were invited to remain, and were presented to Dr. and Mrs. Moore, and members of the faculty, after which a collation was served in the dining hall. C. M. Sharpe was toastmaster, introducing speakers and subjects: C. H. Winders, "Our Guests"; response, J. J. Morgan. President King, in place of Dr. Willett, who was unavoidably absent, "Our Ideals." Harry G. Hill, "Our Colleges." J. M. Philputt, "Our College Girls." J. H. Garrison, "The Tie That Binds."

Space will not permit even a summary of the scintillant wit that flashed through all the speeches. Thursday morning was rainy, and the gloom was deepened by the departure on the morning trains of most of the delegates. This is an exceedingly regrettable feature of most of our conventions, and we seriously question whether the necessity for it is as real and imminent as the "bolters" seem to think. Nevertheless a goodly company heard

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## THE UNION OF THE DISCIPLES AND THE BAPTISTS

THEODORE G. SOARES

**T**HE desire for Christian Unity is growing rapidly both in intensity and in extent. The Disciples no longer stand alone in their advocacy of this great plea, as is shown by the following synopsis of the address delivered by Dr. Theodore G. Soares, pastor Oak Park Baptist Church, at the Disciples' Social Union Banquet, March 20th, upon the topic, "The Union of the Disciples and the Baptists."—Ed.

"I find myself in most cordial sympathy with the thought of this evening. I have passed through and beyond the idea that denominationalism is a blessing. Orators may describe us as the regiments of an army and as the rainbow tints into which the white light of truth is broken. But the regiments of an army act with co-operation and in economical order, the colors of the rainbow represent actual and fundamental distinctions. Neither can be said of modern denominationalism. The lines of cleavage, as they exist to-day, are not at all those which modern religious life and thought would naturally yield. Many denominations are the stereotyped accidents of ecclesiastical history, the very names by which some of them are known indicate that the distinctions which they represent are unimportant or non-existent at the present day.

"Denominationalism tends to waste and to arrogance. The first is too painfully evident, and the second, I fear, has been illustrated in every social union in the city, with the exception perhaps, as I am informed, of the Disciples.

"Of course every denomination is in favor of Christian union. But we may as well recognize at once that it is idle, if not impertinent, to talk of union when we mean absorption. Of course those bodies which style themselves "THE church" will receive us all back on confession of heresy and schism, and there will be one church. I believe our Congregational friends are clear that they have the only possible basis of union. I have heard scores of Baptist addresses demonstrating beyond the shadow of a doubt that if people will only read the New Testament and become Baptists the desired union will be secured. We may as well recognize that the union of Christendom will not mean the survival of any single existing denomination, not yours or mine or any other. It must be higher than any and than all.

"As a matter of fact, as things exist at present, there ought to be two denominations, for there are two fundamentally different religious ideas—the sacramental and the spiritual. All those who believe that God is necessarily to be found in any sacrament, ordinance, form, organization, ritual, priesthood are essentially sacramentarians. While those who believe that the union of the human spirit with the Divine Spirit is religion, and that there is nothing essential but to be one with God as Jesus was one with the Father, are spiritual. These distinctions are fundamental, all others are secondary. These two denominations began within a generation of our Lord's ascension, when those who believed in the necessity of circumcision would have no fellowship with those who believed that neither circumcision availed anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

"Now, as I turn to the two denominations with which we are especially interested, you will pardon me if I call a spade a spade. I assume that our basis of union is that we rise above all sacramentalism, not only the name but the thing. If in any respect we hedge the simple ordinance that commemorates the Savior's passion with any ecclesiastical prerequisites, or if we make the ordinance that symbolizes the purifying of the Spirit an essential thing, so that the symbol itself is made a spiritual fact, then, whatever we may think of ourselves, there cling to us remnants of sacramentalism. Our union shall be possible as we recognize that the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.

"If we both come to this basis I see great hope of the union so much to be desired. And in the meantime we may secure practical co-operation. Let us receive members from one another without the childishness of rebaptizing. Let us recognize one another's ordination and exchange ministers where the Lord may call. I see no impropriety in a Baptist minister serving a Disciple church and later accepting another call to a Baptist church. The Congregationalists and Presbyterians have long practiced such exchange. And let us divide the field, especially the Home Mission field, that we do not become rivals where we ought to be brethren. And for a larger union I join with you in hope and prayer."

Oak Park, Ill.

### DEACON DOOLITTLE GRUMBLES

**O**UR readers must know that Deacon Doolittle is a member of the Christian church in good standing, but he has a peculiar habit of grumbling to himself when displeased. He speaks in a low but audible voice, and occasionally is overheard. The official board refused last night to increase the pastor's salary, and the good deacon was much vexed thereby.

"I tell yer now, Dick Doolittle, it's a pesky shame. It jest is, now, and thar hain't no gittin' round it. Thar thet board set, every mother's son on 'em earnin' and resavin' in various ways twict or twenty times as much as our preacher, and yit too consarnin' mean to give him a measly raise of a hunderd a year! A hunderd! Why drat your skin, Doolittle, old Elder Hf. Price makes a hunderd every time he opens his store. He's jest coinin' money, that old skinflint is. 'Nd then thar's Deacon Showers—wy, he's got money at interest earnin' him more than all they pay the preacher and then sum, to say nuthin' 'bout what he makes out of two or three farms. Them two could dubble that parson's salary, 'thout enny help from the rest of us, either, and then they'd only skin off a few bills from a reg'lar fair ground's roll! My, but it makes me mad! Ef I keep on a-goin' to these here board meetins I'll lose my religion shore, 'nd I hain't none to spare.

"O' course, as Elder Cumso said, preachers work fer souls, but land o' Goshen! Doolittle, they can't live on souls. How would they cook 'em? Would they hev soul fricassee, and baked soul, and soul cobbler fer dessert? I'm 'feard

it 'd be a mighty slim sort o' diet. S'pose he was to begin on the souls of the 'Fishul Board—why, Doolittle, they're so blamed small they wouldn't furnish a breakfast! Not only thet, but they're too tough to masticate. The preacher's poor old mother, with nuthin' but false teeth, imagine her gnawin' on old Cumso's soul! And then what a diet for the kids! No, siree, Doolittle, a maynu of souls won't do.

"Jest as hard a proposition ef you try to wear a soul. Take the best assentment the church affords—'nd thar's some miety fine folks in the Cross Roads Christian church—take a bundle on 'em down to the tailor, 'nd what kind of a soot could he make? Wal, the preacher couldn't wear it to preach in, that's sure. Deed, I doubt, Doolittle, ef he could wear it in public at all; it 'ud be too thin, 'nd he'd get arrested for—for not bein' nice.

Could thet little wife o' his, b'less her heart, could she do any better? Her best alpacky's gittin' shabby, but my! ef she was too wrap a few souls around her, fust place, they wouldn't fit, next place they wouldn't suit her complexion, and finally—in all this here talk about eatin' and wearin' souls, what would the pore devil do? What would he do, Doolittle? They wouldn't be none of us left fer him! I vum!

"Yes, preachers work for souls, but when a passel of 'em thet has bin worked fer gits together and acts as mean as thet board did last night, Doolittle, I doubt whether they're werth workin' fer. Drat me ef I'd be a preacher and wear my life out diggin' such cattle out o' the pit! They jest don't do a thing but take advantage of the preacher. If it wuz a hoss trade, now, the other feller'd stand up fer his rites, but a preacher must be meek. Oh, it makes me mad! Sometimes I jest 'most wish the preacher'd boil over, and give us a good dressin' down. Laud knows, we need it.

Durn it all, Doolittle, what kin you do? Here Chrismus is nigh a comin', and the preacher's kids want to see old Santy, same's cur'n, but will they? Not mutch Santy fer a fambly o' seven, countin' the old mother, and rent goin' up, too. Yes, sir, Doolittle, thet varmint Cumso went and tacked on two plunks a month to the preacher's rent, yes he did! No danger 'bout the devil's gittin' him, he's got him now, good and hard! the old galoot! and then he votes agin' a raise in salary!

"Mrs. Doolittle slipped in last Chrismus to take some nicknacks, 'nd overheard the preacher's little wife 'splainin' to the baby why she didn't git her doll she wanted so bad, nor the boy his skates. 'Santy is pore,' she says, 'nd we must learn ter be content.' And then she up and begun ter sing, so's the baby'd fergit ter cry, yes she did, Doolittle. Her voice shook a little at first, but came out good and strong on, 'Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free?' Shore not; but, Doolittle, I'm thinkin' preachers shouldn't bear the cross alone, either, and 'Fishul Boards and churches go free. I vum!'—Anonymous.

Don't meet troubles half-way, for they are not worth the compliment.

Troubles are like hornets, the less adu you make about them the better, for your outcry will only bring the whole swarm upon you.



## Among the New Books

**Tales Told in Palestine, Collected by J. E. Hananer, Edited with Illustrations by H. G. Mitchell. Cincinnati: Jennings & Graham. Pp. 220. \$1.25.**

The folk-lore of Palestine is full of interest to students of Oriental life and biblical literature. The stories told about the camp fires in the evening, or in the town gates, reveal the causes of many practices which seem curious and sometimes absurd to the western mind. The natives of Syria, like other Jews and Moslems, cherish many superstitions and connect with many spots in their land fantastic traditions, which rarely have more than a few grains of historic truth at bottom. None the less the stories and legends are interesting as throwing light on the thought and manners of the people. The collection of stories deals with several sorts of traditions such as those relating to saints and heroes, stories of modern miracles, bits of popular superstition and examples of Oriental wit and wisdom. In them the biblical and Mohammedan characters are mingled in grotesque manner, but they throw fresh light on the land and its history.

**The Tragedy of Saul, by Lewis A. Storrs. New York: G. W. Dillingham Co. Cloth; pp. 124; 75 cents net.**

A play in blank verse, dealing with the life and death of Israel's first king. The events are narrated with sufficient fidelity to the biblical narrative, but the dialogue is affected and over-ornate, failing entirely to reproduce the Hebrew feeling of the age. The reader will be interested to compare this work with Miss Wilkinson's simpler and more convincing "David of Bethlehem," in her recent volume, "Two Plays of Israel."

**The Epistles to the Colossians and Thessalonians, by Joseph Parker, D. D. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son. Pp. 303; \$1.25 net.**

Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll of the British Weekly is the editor of a new series of helps on the New Testament entitled "The Practical and Devotional Commentary." The first volume has just appeared, and admirably satisfies the requirements of the case. Dr. Parker was not a great exegete. His reading of the Scriptures was not critical nor trustworthy in all places. But he was a genius in bringing out the possibilities of a text, and his profound sympathy with the Bible and its writers made him a helpful companion in its study. For the best critical and expository work one will go elsewhere; but for stimulating suggestion, genuine insight and happy illustration, this work will be found admirable. It includes Philemon in its treatment. Not the least helpful feature is the prayers, which are worthy of study.

**The Epistle to the Ephesians, by Joseph Parker, New York, A. C. Armstrong & Son, 1905. Cloth, pp. 272; \$1.25 net.**

A second volume in the Practical and Devotional Commentary, edited by Dr. Robertson Nicoll. Like the one on Colossians and Thessalonians it is marked by the force and brilliancy of Dr. Parker at his best. Its suggestiveness will appeal to preachers and laymen alike.

One misses the prayers which were a helpful feature of the first volume.

**The Forgiveness of Sins, and other sermons, by George Adam Smith, D. D., New York, A. C. Armstrong & Son, 1905. Cloth; pp. 266. \$1.50.**

There is a large circle of ministers and Bible students to whom every new work of Professor Smith's is an added help and inspiration. The man who can produce works like the "Historical Geography of the Holy Land," "Isaiah," the "Twelve Prophets," and "Modern Criticism and the Preaching of the Old Testament," is one whose sermons are worth bearing and possessing. The fifteen discourses collected in this volume represent the manner and spirit of a great preacher, as well as a profound biblical scholar. Beside the title sermon, one feels like noting especially the ones on "Temptation," "Our Lord's Example in Prayer," and the two communion discourses as of unique value.

**A Book of Family Worship, edited by W. Robertson Nicoll, New York, Dodd, Mead & Co. Cloth, pp. 370. \$1.25.**

A volume of Bible selections and prayers for every day in the year. The material is contributed by such men as Prof. Adeney, Rev. R. J. Campbell, Dr. Horton, Dr. Jowett and Prof. Stalker. A capital aid to family worship.

**The Message of the Twelve Prophets, by William D. Murray. The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Association, New York, 1904. Pp. 197. With Map and Chronological Chart. Price, in Cloth, 75 Cents; Paper, 50 Cents.**

For those who are making or desire to make a study of the Minor Prophets this book will be very helpful. It is made up of the class notes used by Mr. Murray, a business man, in his Bible class of business men. It is prepared for a devotional study of the prophecies; each day's work, for twenty-eight weeks, is carefully outlined. The prayers are helpful, and the "Message for To-day" is a very suggestive feature. If one will take this book and carefully follow the outline in a study of these interesting books of the sacred Word he will have a fair knowledge of the times and sayings of the men who gave them to us.

Covington, Ky. George A. Miller.

### The APRIL MAGAZINES

"Africa's Appeal to Christendom" is a notable feature of the Century Magazine. It is written by a native prince of the western coast, a young man who spent several years securing an education in America. It contains much interesting information regarding the people of that region. Mr. Melville E. Stone contributes a readable article regarding the Associated Press, of which he is president. Richard Whiteing has a handsomely illustrated paper on some famous French Chateaux.

"What Ails Russia?" is the question Percival Gibbon undertakes to answer in McClure's. The answer is concise

and pointed. The royal family, the little scared czar and the big, selfish, lustful dukes are the causes that are bringing Russia to her crisis. "Cervantes" is the subject on which G. E. Woodberry contributes the first of a series of articles on Great Masters of Literature. The literary detective, Lincoln Steffens, has turned his batteries on New Jersey, a traitor state, and opens fire in this issue.

H. Rider Haggard, whose "She" was widely read some years ago, is contributing to the Popular Magazine a sequel called "Ayesha." H. G. Wells' serial, "The Crowning Victory," is also running, and other serials and short stories complete the number.

"The Deluge" is a story of modern finance which David Graham Phillips is publishing in Ainslee's. Alan Dale, the New York dramatic critic, gives interesting sketches of Mrs. Leslie Carter, Bernard Shaw, and other dramatic people. Poetry and fiction make up the remainder of the magazine.

Good Housekeeping for April contains many useful suggestions for housekeepers. Flower gardening, by Hamlin Garland, James E. Tyler and Francis Durando Nichols. Homelike rooms, illustrated. A modern cottage, illustrated. The table, fashions and needlework.

Lippincott's has a note regarding Rosa Bonheur's first visit to Great Britain. The long story in this issue is "A Fool for Love," by Francis Lynde. Much other interesting fiction is included.

The Cooking School Magazine has many new ideas and recipes for housekeepers and is of value to them.

"The Landing of a Pilgrim," by William Dean Howells, is one of the interesting features of Harper's. It is a sketch of the English town of Plymouth. Charles Waldstein describes the buried city of Herculaneum in an illustrated paper. "Profit Sharing" is discussed by John Bates Clark of Columbia University. Jammie B. Connolly writes entertainingly of arctic fishing. Among the fiction are the section of Mrs. Ward's novel, "The Marriage of William Ashe," and Mrs. E. S. Phelps has a story called "The Chariot of Fire."

The Atlantic Monthly is unusually full of good things. Andrew D. White begins a series on the "Warfare of Humanity with Unreason." Hugo Muensterberg has an article on "The Eternal Life." Lafcadio Hearn and T. W. Higginson are also contributors.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

Fleming H. Revell Co., New York.  
The Story of the Welsh Revival. W. T. Stead and others. Pp. 93. 25c net.  
Bible Etchings of Immortality. Camden M. Coburn. Pp. 59.  
The Heart of the World. Charles M. Sheldon. Pp. 265.  
Personal Help Publishing Co., Des Moines, Iowa. Ready Money. George H. Knox. Pp. 317.  
A. C. Armstrong & Son, New York.  
The Epistle to the Ephesians. Joseph Parker. Pp. 272. \$1.25 net.

The heart looks over many a difficulty that the head cannot see through.



## Sunday Afternoon

### MY WISH.

I ask, O Lord, that from my life may flow  
Such gladsome music, soothing, sweet  
and clear  
From a fine-strung harp, to reach the weary ear  
Of struggling men.  
To bid them pause awhile, and listen: then,  
With spirit calmer, stronger than before,  
Take up their work once more.  
I only pray that, through the common days  
Of this my life, unceasingly may steal  
Into some aching heart, strains that shall help to heal  
Its long-borne pain.  
To lift the thoughts from self and worldly gain,  
And fill the life with harmonies divine,  
Oh, may such power be mine!  
Thus would I live; and when all working days  
Are o'er for me,  
May the rich music of my life ring on  
Eternally!

—Wesleyan Magazine.

### WELLS, OR CISTERNS?

Rev. W. H. Wylie.

"A well of water," Jesus said. Why not a cistern? The water of a cistern is good, and many prefer it to that of a well. Why not a "cistern that shall never fail"? We all feel that this expression would not have sounded so well, but why? There is that about the well which accords with the spirit of the gospel, as the cistern does not. The cistern depends upon an external supply; the well has its resources deep within itself. The cistern receives; the well gives. The cistern is made poorer by giving; the well is made the better. The cistern suggests dependence and selfishness; the well independence and beneficence. We do not claim that all this was in Jesus' mind when he said, "a well of water," but we are glad he said it. It shows us more clearly what the gospel of salvation is like, and suggests traits which characterize followers of the Master.

If we look about us with eyes that see, we may easily discern Christians of the well and cistern types. In some the Divine life springs up with such a copious flow that no adverse circumstances can diminish their zeal; poverty, misfortune, sickness, opposition, temptation, and all else, being powerless to check the current of grace which wells up from a heart in which the indwelling Christ is enshrined. They are "always abounding unto every good work." But others are dependent upon external conditions, full to overflowing in times of refreshing, dry when most needed, getting their taste of the feast from the superabundance of others, needing constant support and encouragement from those about them, never able to stand alone, "carried about by every wind of doctrine," swept away by small temptations.

Again, some of us are like cisterns in

that we willingly receive all that flows our way, whether in material or spiritual advantage, but we give forth only by effort, in response to "pumping." The current sets selfward. But there are those—and it is joy to know them—whose generosity is as a well which never fails. Their life-current flows outward, blessing the whole world; they give as irresistibly as the bubbling fountain, and grow richer in grace and happier in spirit as they give.

Will you be a well, or a cistern?—  
Western Christian Advocate.

### NEGLECTED SERVICE.

Biblical Reader.

One day not a great while ago, I called to see a sick woman. She had come from a far-away section to battle with a fell disease in a beautiful and favored mountain section.

She had means, and lived in a beautiful home. I was led into her room by her husband. She smiled faintly, and held out to me the hottest hand I think I ever touched, while her face was scorched with fever. Knowing that she was a Christian, I read such passages as I thought appropriate for consolation, prayed with her, and left. Some days afterwards her husband approached me on the street, and asked if I would not visit his home again, saying that his wife was sorely in need of spiritual help. I went back. When I entered the room the nurse had left it, and then this poor emaciated, tired woman told me of her fears about dying. The future to her was cold and dark and hopeless. She knew that her end was near, and dreaded it because she could see no ray of light about the grave, only an "old box," as she expressed it, in which she would be shipped back home, and then be buried out of sight forever.

In answer to something I said about prayer, she replied: "I don't pray. I can't pray. I have tried my best, but can't."

Surprised at finding her in this unhappy state of mind, I sought at once to find the cause of it. I asked if she were not a Christian. She answered as though she preferred to say that she held church-membership. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. She then told me of her wasted life, so far as service for her Lord was concerned.

Her time had been given to her children, to her husband and friends. Jesus had no place in the program of her life; not that she had meant to exclude him, but had simply done so by failing to provide a place for him. I then told her that her darkness was not unnatural; that she had so lived as to compel the withdrawal of the gentle Spirit of Him who warms the heart and brings it to yearn for the service of God, while making that service most sweet and delightful; and that the darkness which had so filled her with terror would not disappear, and the peace which she so much desired would never come, till she bowed her heart in repentance and claimed that forgiveness which her Lord stood ready to bestow. This she did. About two weeks after-

wards the end came, a quiet and peaceful end.

But oh, the long, dark days, the black nights of despair, before rest was found! This poor woman, like Jacob of old, had a personal matter to settle with God, and there could be no light till that was done. Thousands are following in her footsteps, and, like her, must sooner or later pay the penalty of neglected service; and, like her, must settle with God a matter purely personal, and, in the meantime, eat the bitter fruit of a life which had no place in its plan for him.

### WHERE: JESUS IS FOUND.

By Henry Van Dyke.

Never in a costly palace did I rest on golden bed,  
Never in a hermit's cavern have I eaten idle bread.

Born within a lowly stable, where the cattle round me stood,  
Trained a carpenter in Nazareth, I have toiled and found it good.

They who tread the path of labor follow where my feet have trod;  
They who work without complaining do the holy will of God.

Where the many toll together, there am I among my own;  
Where the tired workman sleepeth, there am I with him alone.

I, the peace that passeth knowledge, dwell amid the daily strife,  
I, the bread of heaven, am broken in the sacrament of life.

If you would not have affliction visit you twice, listen at once to what it teaches.

Faith is not a thing that can stand still; it must grow or die. One conviction must lead on to another, or the fruit will in time be lost. If a man stands by the truth he has, some day, in some form, Christ, who is the Truth, will pour into his heart another and another.—  
Bishop Lawrence.—C. E. World.

### THE ACCOUNTING.

By Christina G. Rossetti.

Each soul I might have succored, may have slain,  
All souls shall face me at the last appeal.

That last great moment poised for woe or weal,  
That final moment for man's bliss or bane.

Vanity of vanities, yea, all is vain  
Which then will not avail or help or heal:

Disfeatured faces, worn-out knees that kneel,  
Will more avail than strength or beauty then.

Lord, by thy passion—when thy face was marred  
In sight of earth and hell tumultuous,  
And thy heart failed in thee like melting wax,

And thy blood dropped, more precious than the nard—  
Lord, for thy sake, not ours, supply our lacks,  
For thine own sake, not ours, Christ, pity us.

# Home and Children

## TOMMY'S SUSPICIONS

Lowell Otus Reese

My daddy says that when he was  
A boy, he never cried  
Ner run away from school to go  
A-swimmin'; never tried  
To cut a lickin', never failed  
To do as he was bid—  
'Well, maybe daddy didn't then—  
But gran'ma says he did!)

My daddy brags a lot about  
The way boys acted when  
He was a boy. (Gee! but they must  
'A' been most angels then!)

He says he never dared to peep  
Beneath the cake-box lid—  
(Well, maybe not; but, any way,  
My gran'ma says he did!)

"I never tied a tin can to  
A dog's tail in my life!"  
Says daddy. "An' I never carved  
My 'initials with a knife  
In great big glarin' capitals  
On the piano lid"—  
(That's what he told me sollumly—  
But gran'ma says he did!)

"I never cared for circuses  
An' brass bands an' such things."  
(Say—honest! that's just what he said!),  
"An' tops and devil slings.  
I never waited after school  
To lick some other kid."  
(He says he never done those things—  
But gran'ma says he did!)

Say! but my gran'ma's mighty wise;  
She knew my daddy when  
He was a little runt, an' says  
He was a terror then!  
He says he never cut up none  
The times he was a kid—  
(I know I ought to b'lieve him, but  
My gran'ma says he did!)

Leslie's Weekly.

## TEDDY'S FIRST POCKETS

"I want pockets in my new pants,"  
said Teddy.

"You are too little," said mamma.  
"Please, mamma!" Teddy pleaded.  
"Pockets go with pants. All the big  
boys have them."

"Well," mamma replied, "I suppose  
you must have them. Yes, I will put  
some in."

"Nonsense!" exclaimed Aunt Emily.  
"Clara, you don't mean to let that baby  
have pockets? He will have them full  
of rubbish and in a dreadful condition  
all the time. He's too little for trousers,  
to say nothing of pockets."

But mamma put the pockets in, and  
Ted was happy. He went round with  
his hands in those little snuggeries, feel-  
ing very proud and grown-up, and try-  
ing to whistle; and by and by he began  
to put things into them.

"If I had the darnin'-cotton, I would  
mend the stockings," said grandma, "but  
it isn't in the basket."

"Here it is," said Teddy, taking a little  
black ball out of his right pocket. "I  
found it behind the door, grandma. I  
didn't know it was darn-cotton; I  
thought it was just string."

"You didn't happen to find my pencil,

did you?" asked Sister Sue. "I lost it  
yesterday and I can't find it anywhere."

"Yes," said Teddy, "it was in the  
waste-basket. I picked it out and put  
it in my pocket. I didn't know it was  
yours, Susie," he said as he passed it  
to her.

Pretty soon mamma could not find her  
thimble. "I had it this morning," she  
said, "and all at once I missed it. I am  
sorry, for it was the one you gave me,  
Emily."

"Here it is," said Teddy. "I found it  
down in the pansy bed. I meant to give  
it to you, but I forgot."

"It must have fallen off the window-  
sill," said mamma. "I remember now;  
I was sitting by the garden window."

That afternoon Sister Mary asked me  
if anybody had seen her blue dress; Tom  
inquired if anybody had run across his  
jack-knife, which he was using at noon  
and mislaid; Johnny needed a piece of  
string in a hurry; and grandpa could not  
find a little nail. All these things Teddy  
produced as they were wanted.

"I take it all back, Ted," said Aunt  
Emily, laughing. "Your pockets cer-  
tainly are the most useful ones in the  
family. You don't happen to have a box  
of chocolates, do you?"

"No," Teddy replied soberly, "but I  
have some candy that isn't chocolate.  
Mr. Smith gave it to me. It's taffy."

Aunt Emily laughed again. "There,  
Clara," she said, "I told you so!"—Se-  
lected.

## NOT BAD

Frank G. Tyrrell

Sometimes we hear it said, "There's  
no harm in it"; or "That's not bad," as  
if such a statement could justify. But  
the fact is, when we stop to think how  
short life is at best, and how precious  
any soul is, with its wealth of talent,  
that anything is bad of which we cannot  
say "It is good, it is the best!" Three  
boys were employed in a wholesale  
house. They were industrious, sober  
boys. Two of them spent their spare  
time at noon and after business hours in  
training a pet dog. The third never  
never seemed to have any time to join  
them.

In the course of events, the firm want-  
ed representative in a South American  
port. It was a most desirable promotion.  
The three young men were called into  
the office, each in turn, and offered the  
place. A knowledge of the Spanish lan-  
guage was required, and the two who had  
amused themselves with their pet dog  
were not qualified. The third young  
man was called in, and as he came out,  
the others asked him jocularly, "Well,  
when do you go?" To their surprise he  
answered, "The first of next week."  
"When did you learn Spanish?" "While  
you were training your pet dog."

There was nothing bad in training a  
pet dog. It was altogether harmless. But  
as the event proved, it was by no means  
the best way for ambitious young men to  
be employed. There must be some play.  
The nerves must be relaxed. But young  
people especially will do well to indulge  
in sport only when they are satisfied that

it is needed, and they have earned it by  
due diligence. Never give much time to  
anything of which the best that can be  
said is, "It's not bad."

## WHY HE WASN'T PROMOTED

He watched the clock.  
He was always grumbling.  
He was always behindhand.  
He asked too many questions.  
His stock excuse was "I forgot."  
He wasn't ready for the next step.  
He did not put his heart in his work.  
He learned nothing from his blunders.  
He chose his friends among his in-  
feriors.

He was content to be a second rate  
man.

He ruined his ability by half doing  
things.

He never dared to act on his own judg-  
ment.

He did not think it worth while to  
learn how.

He thought it clever to use coarse and  
profane language.

He imitated the habits of men who  
could stand more than he could.

He did not learn that the best part of  
his salary was not in his pay envelope.—  
Success.

## OPPORTUNITY OF YOUNG MEN

Sometimes young men of to-day labor  
under the impression that they are han-  
dicapped; that they cannot get a chance  
simply because they haven't got a "pull."  
This is an erroneous and hurtful im-  
pression. Young men never had a bet-  
ter chance. In most of the professions  
the older men—some of the older men,  
at all events—are claiming that they are  
turned aside by younger men. Whether  
this be true or not, it is assuredly true  
that young men never had a better chance  
than they have at present. The young  
man who has mastered some one thing,  
who is able to do that thing just a little  
better than anyone else, is in demand to-  
day. The world will let him set his own  
price.

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our  
stars,  
But in ourselves, that we are underlings."

## A CAT'S PAPER BOOTS

Did you ever put paper boots on your  
cat? That is what Dick's playmates did  
to him. I was one of them, and it was  
great fun, even for Dick himself. His  
feet were tied up in smooth paper, and  
then he was set down on the floor. Then  
a spool tied to a string was put before  
him. Dick loved to play ball with them,  
or make believe they were mice to be  
tossed or worried. But when Dick tried  
to catch the spool with his paper boots  
on it was a funny sight. His legs went  
wherever they chose. They did not care  
what he wanted at all. Each foot went  
skating by itself, and left poor Dick flat  
on the floor. He kicked, rolled over and  
over, and was the most puzzled cat you  
ever saw. He looked at that lively spool,  
winked at it, snatched at it, but could  
never catch it. He thought that it was  
the queerest spool he had ever seen, and  
that his feet were the queerest things  
he had ever owned.—St. Nicholas.

An artist was asked, "What is your  
best picture?" He answered, "My next."  
This ought to be the determination of  
every man as he faces the future. He  
ought to endeavor to be constantly out-  
stripping himself.

## AT THE CHURCH

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#### NOTES ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

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The Choice of the Twelve. Mt. 12:15-21; Mk. 3:7-19a; Lu. 6:12-19.



STRIKING testimonial to the practical wisdom and self-command of Jesus is afforded by his selection at this time of popularity and conflict of twelve men to become his constant and favored companions.

While enthusiastic throngs still surround him, to hear his words and witness his deeds of gracious kindness, and he had every reason to exult in his independent power, he deliberately reserved his best self for a small body of chosen men. It was more than the impulsive act of a lonely leader, craving sympathetic associates, although no one ever felt the need of fellowship and friendship more than he; it was more than the attempt of one who realized the urgent need of the spreading abroad of the message about the kingdom of heaven to secure able assistants for his campaign; it was a deliberate act exhibiting profound insight, leading to a happy solution of the immediate problem of evangelization and of the more remote yet more important problem of the organization and maintenance of the new society of men like-minded with himself.

It is interesting to note the varying explanations of this important action given in the Synoptic Gospels. It was too far-reaching and significant to be fully exhausted by one narrator. Each evangelist seems impressed by that aspect of it which would appeal to those for whom he was writing. The gospel, according to Matthew, calls attention to the multitudes and their eagerness, to the great desire of Jesus to minister to their spiritual needs and leads us to infer that these men were summoned by him because he desired a band of helpers so that he could press with greater vigor the great work of evangelization. The Gospel of Mark gives more business-like reasons. It declares that Jesus chose the twelve to be his companions, to aid him in the growing work of preaching and healing the throngs who kept coming from every quarter, far outmatching the physical powers of one man, however gifted. The third gospel, taking as usual the reflective standpoint of the second Christian generation, presents the action of Jesus in its truest light. It lets us know that the Master was deeply conscious of the importance of the occasion. Before he selected the twelve from the larger group of devoted followers he spent the whole night alone in prayerful communion with God. We may reverently infer that he was pleading for clearness of vision and accuracy of judgment. He was about to inaugurate a new society, the new Christian brotherhood. The twelve were to be its nucleus.

The Gospel of Luke rightly pictured that day upon the mountain side as a momentous day in the active ministry of Jesus. It marked a real turning point. Jesus must have prepared for it not merely by a night of prayer, but even more by days of reflection. He had seen that the rapidly growing enmity of the Pharisees would soon embarrass his public work and, perhaps, bring it to an end. He met this difficulty with a policy that would enable him to defy all such opposition and to triumph in spite of it. He would develop an inner circle of inti-

mate associates who could reproduce his spirit and fulfil his mission.

By this time his nominal following had become quite large. Men and women attended him persistently and from every sort of motive. Here and there was one whom he had distinguished from the others by reason of some special gift or measure of usefulness. From such as these he seemingly made his selection of associates. They were men who had shown their devotion to him and their enthusiasm for the work he was doing, men who in one form or another were of practical importance to him. Luke (6:13) suggests that it was a deliberate selection, each man standing for some positive value. The number chosen was, no doubt, suggested by the traditional symbolism of the Jewish race. No other number carried the same suggestion of representativeness to the Jewish mind. The twelve were to stand for all Israel and thus for the whole human brotherhood.

It is a matter of regret that a small group of these chosen apostles overshadowed all the others, for each one of the twelve must have been a marked personality, worthy of our careful study. Synoptic tradition centered around the four and the ill-starred Judas Iscariot. Peter, John and James were the dominating members of the little company. Of them, of Matthew, and, thanks to the gospel according to John, of Andrew and Philip, Bartholomew and Thomas, we have some conception. So far as we know them they represented quite distinct types, unified by the inspiring personality of their great leader.

Their value did not depend upon their social standing or influence. They represented, apparently, the humbler working class. It is only fair to say that in no other nation than Israel was the matter of social rank of less importance. The Jewish people was truly democratic. Any man, however humble, could aspire to become a rabbi, that is, to reach a position of enviable respect and importance. Every man, however noble in birth or wealth, was as a matter of principle taught a means of livelihood. Saul of Tarsus was probably of distinguished parentage, yet fortunately for his independence as a religious leader he was a skilful maker of tents. Not social position, but teachableness and ability, were the essential qualities of the members of this notable band.

Apostleship, like all other leaderships, involved heavy responsibilities and serious disadvantages. These men had a taste of the cross from the very outset. Had they not been willing to undergo the ostracism and peril of association with Jesus they would never have had the opportunity, for he needed men who could count the cost and ignore it. The full seriousness of the step they took was no more apparent to them than it is to most of those who deliberately ally themselves with unpopular causes. But they were willing to endure whatever would bring them into association with Jesus.

The discipleship of the cross, that is, the discipleship which includes devotion and self-sacrifice, which for Christ's sake assumes the burden of that part of his kingdom which falls to one's lot in life, and spares not itself for his sake, which derives its stability and energy from a continuing sense of fellowship with him, is the kind most needed in the church to-day. It is indeed the only discipleship that counts for much in the growth of his kingdom.

### The PRAYER MEETING

By SILAS JONES

#### JESUS THE LIVING BREAD.

Topic April 5: John 6:12-35, 48, 58.

**H**OW shall we interpret the words of our Lord, "I am the bread of life"? Perhaps we may best appreciate the question by taking up the various appetites and desires of men and finding how they are satisfied. Man has a material body. That body needs food. God has provided food for it in abundance. The earth brings forth its fruits for the use of man's body. Man also has intellect. The intellect has that upon which it is fed. From the earliest times the world without him has excited man's

curiosity and led him to question the meaning of its forms and movements. As the intellect grew it began to look within itself and to ask what its own movements meant. Thus it has grown from strength to strength. The guesses of early man have issued in the service of to-day and the weaknesses of the intellect of primitive man has given place to the strength of a Newton or an Agassiz mind, and all this because the mind has taken hold of faith and tried to understand them. Now man has a heart. To the heart belong affections. How are these nourished? Persons nourish the affections. We admire the glory of the heaven above. We stand in awe of lofty mountain peaks and mighty cataracts. The breeze of summer cools the fevered brow. But do these nourish affection? But watch the mother with her babe; she knows what love is. Find a man to whom no one opens his heart. There you find a heart that is starving. Father, mother, children, wives, husbands, friends, these are the food of our hearts. But let us go a step further. What shall we say of this vast world in which we find ourselves? What is the goal of these multitudes of struggling men and women? I believe that no benevolent purpose is manifested in the whole order of which we are a part; it is a blow to love; we believe that a God of grace created all for the perfection of creatures made to be in his own image; we believe that which satisfies the heart and makes possible the richest development of love. Now Jesus comes to us from the heart of the eternal. He says he reveals God. Surely if we are to think of God as possessing the love that showed itself in the life of Jesus our affections will grow in strength and beauty by the experiences of life. We wish to learn of Jesus. We wish to see him in the strong and beautiful lives about and to be led to feel that we are in touch with the eternal when we touch the lives in which Christ is supreme.

### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

By CHARLES BLANCHARD

Topic April 2, 1905: 2 Tim. 3:14-17 John 6:47-58.

#### THE MAKING OF A CHRISTIAN—HIS FOOD.

**T**RUTH is the life of the soul. Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Truth is the connecting link between the way and the life. Christ is the way of life because he is the truth of life. In his own person and in his teachings he is the highest expression of the holiest and most hopeful and blessed possibilities of life. This is beyond all questioning, whatever the attitude, the multitudes, or the indifference, or imperfections of his professed disciples. The failures of our own lives only set that of the Master in the splendor of the sunlight. Humanity finds in him the fullest revelation of the Father. The apostle says that he is the express image of the Father. And the Master himself said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Nor do we feel that there is presumption in this. The perfect consistency of the life and teachings of Christ makes it easy for us to believe that he was the Son of God. Indeed, there is no accounting for his Person and for the Gospel Story save on the assumption that he was what he claimed to be, and what the writers of the New Testament declare him to have been—the Son of God. It is more reasonable to believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God than to conceive of the fishermen of Galilee inventing the wonderful narrative of his more wonderful life—of imperfect men inventing the story of the only perfect life.

Because Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life, the revelation of the Father, declared to be the Son of God by the perfection of his earthly life, the spiritual perfection, consistency, power and persistency of his teachings, we do not find it difficult to accept him as the bread of life to our souls. But it is only as we believe on him that we have everlasting life—the persistency of faith proves the persistency of life. That we are capable of projecting our spirits into the infinite future argues the immortality of mind.

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of the spirit of man. Faith is the spiritual apprehension of the Truth, the means by which we grasp the spiritual and the eternal. We eat of the flesh and drink of the blood of the Son of Man by believing on him. It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that he spake unto us are spirit and life. Only as we receive his words and thus drink in of his spirit are we made partakers of his divine nature, and so become heirs and joint heirs with him to heavenly inheritances, incorruptible because spiritual, unfading because eternal.

It is only as we continue in the things which we have learned, becoming assured of them—that is, mentally and spiritually appropriating them, eating them, as it were, that we are made wise unto salvation and perfected, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. This is so because the education of the soul, like that of the mind, is a slow process. The infinite possibilities of soul-growth argue our immortal inheritance; and faith is the soul-faculty that links us with the invisible and the eternal. So it is by faith we are saved, by faith we eat of the spiritual manna that came down out of heaven and giveth life to the world. Salvation by faith is not an arbitrary arrangement; it is so because of the constitution of the mind and soul of man.

### The BIBLE SCHOOL

By CARLOS C. ROWLISON

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD. JOHN 10:7-18.

Lesson 1. April 2.



AM the door of the sheep." How long it takes the world to learn that the way to God is through personality, and thus only! A friend was telling me a few days ago of his success in business. I said to him, "I wish you would tell me how to make money." His reply was, "I can't do it, and no man can." But if I could be in close touch with this man, and at the same time be true to my own business instincts, I might achieve a degree of business success. Just so does every man become religious. Jesus can not tell us how to do it. There are no "certain things" which one may do that will make him religious. He must live in companionship with Jesus, allowing his own religious instincts free and full development, and so shall he be a disciple.

2. The Good Shepherd and the Hired Man. The good shepherd has an interest that concerns him more than life. The hired man is only anxious about his pay. The one who goes through this world as a hired man may well be a pessimist. To live simply to earn money, simply to feed and to clothe oneself—it isn't worth while. And yet how apt we are to make life merely the hired man's service.

But to have an interest in something larger than ourselves, to live for our own families, for our own community, for the education of the young, for the relief of the impoverished and the incompetent and the unfortunate, to pour our souls into the missionary movement and labor and pray night and day for the redemption of the benighted, to do these things as Jesus did will give life unspeakable riches, and a joy "which the world cannot give and which it cannot take away."

3. "Other Sheep Not of This Fold."

Could we but have the breadth of spirit which characterized Jesus, much of our bigotry and sectarianism would disappear. And how detestable they are! Jesus saw that no man could do a worthy act in his name and at the same time speak lightly of him. "He that is not against us is for us" needs emphasis quite as much as "He that is not for us is against us." How many a soul there is who knows Jesus with sufficient intimacy to drive out the demons of selfishness and bigotry from their own lives, and who, like their Master, goes about doing good, that we ostracize because they cannot accept our dogmatic beliefs. One of the most important needs of Christian people to-day is to have that charity which will enable them to recognize the Master's "other sheep" wherever they may be found.

It is not necessary for a man to be all ice to avoid being nothing but steam.

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## A SMILE OR TWO

### A Precious Herb.

Two little German girls, Brigitte and Wallburg, were on their way to the town, and each carried a heavy basket of fruit on her head.

Brigitte murmured and sighed constantly; Wallburg only laughed and joked.

Brigitte said, "What makes you laugh so? Your basket is quite as heavy as mine, and you are no stronger than I am."

Wallburg answered, "I have a precious little herb on my load, which makes me hardly feel it at all. Put some of it on your load as well."

"Oh," cried Brigitte, "it must indeed be a precious little herb! I should like to lighten my load with it; so tell me at once what it is called."

Wallburg replied, "The precious little herb that makes all burdens light is called 'patience.'"—Ex.

"Do you think his words have any weight?"

"Well, he makes some pretty heavy speeches."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Don't git out o' patience wif de man dat thinks he knows it all," said Uncle Eben. "De chances are dat he's gwine to git all the lesson he needs when he staits in takin' his own tips."—Washington Star.

Braggsby: "I am getting immense returns from my magazine contributions these days."

Waggsby: "Yes, but you mustn't be discouraged. After a while there will be less returns and more of your manuscripts will be accepted."—Baltimore American.

"What are you grinning about, Uncle Jeff?"

"Can't help it, sah. De sheriff has seized all my belongin's."

"And are you going to kick?"

"No, but de belongin's will. All I own is a mule."—Chicago Daily News.

Eminent Specialist: "Yes, madam; your husband is suffering from temporary aberration, due to overwork. It's quite a common occurrence."

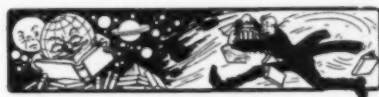
Wife: "Yes; he insists that he's a millionaire."

Eminent Specialist: "And wants to pay me a couple of hundred pounds for my advice. We'll have to humor him, you know."—Pick-Me-Up.

The son of a certain German farmer found, in getting ready for mill, that the sack of grain would ride just as well on the horse's back by dividing the load as by putting a stone in on one side and the grain on the other. So he called his father's attention to the improvement. But this improvement was an innovation, and his father said: "Hans, your vater and your grandvater and your great-grandvater vent to mill mit dot shtone in der sack, und vat was good enough for tem ish good enough for you. Put back dot shtone."

With dollar wheat and dollar meat,  
And everything as high,  
O, let us pray by night and day  
There won't be dollar pie!

—Chicago News.



## SQUIBS ABOUT BOOKS

If one could have but stepped with me, during the past week, into two home libraries which I was privileged to enter, he would have felt that his life still lacked much of the necessary, much of the richest and best, if he has failed to gather about him, the best works of the great authors, living and dead.

The owner of one of the homes assured us that his library had been planned first as a basis and around it had been built the remainder of the home; and surely the whole appearance and atmosphere of this palatial dwelling would more than verify the statement. The library was built on the ground floor, at the south-east corner of the house, where it was kissed by the first beams of the rising sun; and where the sunlight flooded almost every nook and cranny, throughout the entire day.

No attempt was made at luxurious furnishings. Indeed, they were simple, so simple that they were almost entirely overlooked when one beheld tier after tier of shelves, crowded to their fullest capacity, with all the choicest gems of the language. We should liked to have tarried and delved into this storehouse of inexhaustible treasure; but we were only permitted to feast our eyes and our imagination.

We entered the home, also, of one who has been more than successful—one who has achieved great things. Judging from all exterior appearances, one would accord to him little more than the ordinary, the commonplace. But after one had been permitted a glimpse of his library he could understand in some respects, the secret of his achievement. He lived in almost a personal relation with his Carlyle, his Macauley, his Emerson, his Hawthorne, his Scott, his Dickens, and his Thackeray and had come to learn and to know men.

The best, the most practical part of a man's education is gleaned from books. How he ought to sacrifice to gather around him a company of such congenial friends. Even if you can add but one book a month—one book in two months, or one book a year, make that book one of permanent value, one that you will enjoy as often as you read it and one that will have some new message for you at every reading. There are so many books of this class that our selection is comparatively easy. There is little excuse for any man, in our day, to be without some sort of a library at his command.

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*The Bookman*

It is not strange that the man who makes his faith depend on his knowledge frequently exhibits innocence of both.

# Where the Kingdom is Growing and

## THE CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**T**HE Church of Christ at Jacksonville, Ill., was organized in October, 1832, with seventy-two charter members. For some time the pulpit was supplied by volun-

By Eleanor Thompson

P. Shaw at Wu Hu, China; and have built a mission in the south part of the city which is self-supporting, having regular Sunday school and prayer meeting services, with occasional preaching services by the pastor. Many have been brought into the church through the work of this mission.

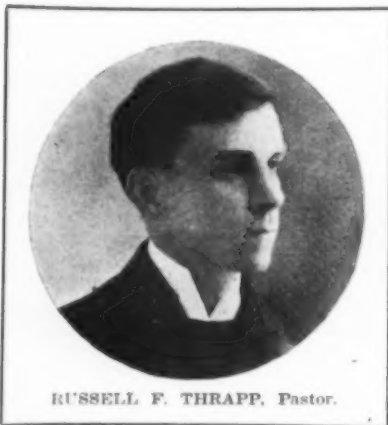
The Sunday school is one of the strongest in the state. It has an enrollment of almost five hundred, and last year raised \$591, of which \$450 went to home and foreign missions. Teachers' meeting is held regularly on Wednesday evening at the close of the prayer meeting service, when the pastor teaches the lesson for the following Sunday to the thirty teachers. From the normal class of twenty young men and young women two young men have signified their intention of entering the ministry.

From the combined efforts of the three aid societies \$750 was raised last year. Their work is so arranged that they in no way conflict with one another.

The first one of the Old People's Homes established by the Benevolent Association is located here, and its board of managers is composed of members of the local church, although it is

supported by the brotherhood at large. It is proposed to greatly enlarge the present building in the spring.

Of our junior society we are justly proud. For three successive years it



RUSSELL F. THRAPP, Pastor.

teer preaching by such men as Barton W. Stone, D. P. Henderson, Joseph Hewitt and others. The first regular pastor was Jerry Lancaster. After him came Elder A. J. Kane, Jonathan Atkinson and Walter S. Russell; followed by Enos Campbell, Jno. W. Allen, J. M. Williams, L. W. Welsh, A. N. Gilbert, S. B. Moore, Geo. L. Snively, and the present pastor, Russell F. Thrapp.

The edifice now occupied was erected in 1869. With our rapidly increasing membership, a more commodious and better equipped church home has become imperative, and the contract has already been let for a magnificent structure, a cut of which is here shown, which will be modern in all of its appointments. With the better facilities it will afford us an opportunity to do the work naturally expected of the Jacksonville church, and which we simply cannot do in our present quarters. The location is on one of the most beautiful streets of the city, and in the center of church membership.

Since the present pastorate began, less than four years ago, we have become a living link, supporting Herbert



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS.

The Central Christian Church of Jacksonville, Ill., has now in course of construction, a new edifice which is to be a handsome and modern church building in every respect. The trimmings and tracery window frames will be of dressed stone. One of the attractive features of the church will be the art glass dome over the auditorium, also the leaded art glass windows. The main sanctuary will be fifty-six feet square, with bowled floor, arched alcoves for the baptistry, also for the choir and organ parlor. The main Sunday school rooms adjoining the auditorium all open together with sliding sash doors. The Sunday school department is separated from the church by a lifting partition. In addition to the Sunday school class rooms, dressing rooms, etc., the pastor's study is provided for on the main floor, as will be noted from the diagram on the opposite page.

### SECOND SERIES

This is the second of a series of articles to be published in The Christian Century, relating historically, to some of the leading churches. The first article was a most interesting account of the growth and development of the First Church at Bloomington, Ill. The next article will be a synoptical history of the church at Paris, Ill., where Scoville and Smith are just bringing to a close a meeting which has resulted in nearly 400 additions to the church.

has held the banner of the state of Illinois, and ranks fourth in the United States among over 2,700 organizations. It is supporting an orphan child, Adelaide Narboda Pounds, at Mahoba, India; is helping the work at Monterey,

Mexico, and has asked to support the first boy in the boy's orphanage at Bayamon, Porto Rico. The work of the little "Sunshine" committee has gladdened the hearts of many "Shut-ins," while the \$160 raised last year for missions goes to show what a mighty power the children are becoming in the evangelization of the world. Thirty of these little ones gave their hearts to Christ the last year.

The Senior society is the banner society of the district. It is one of the largest in the state, and is characterized by its missionary zeal. This society supports a boy at Mahoba, India; has contributed to the work at Monterey, Mexico, and tries to answer all appeals for help from needy churches throughout the state. Endeavorers have found that there can be no getting without liberal giving, and that the more they give the more richly does God bless them.

The Young Men's

# Still Greater Conquests are Expected

## JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

Social League numbers over one hundred members, and has become a potent influence for good, furnishing entertainment in the church for the young men who might otherwise seek it elsewhere. Through this organization many have been led to Christ.

The Clio Circle, composed largely of the working girls of the church, was organized for literary and systematic Bible study, with one-half time devoted to church aid and benevolent work.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions is making its influence for good felt both at home and abroad. If the many women in all our churches who are not actively engaged in any church work would follow the example of the faithful few who are carrying on this enterprise, what a mighty work might be accomplished. Two hundred and sixty dollars was raised last year by this society. It is helping in the special work of Chicago evangelization, and aids in the support of Miss Bertha Westrup in Monterey, Mex.; and Mrs. Bertha Lohr in India.

The church employs a financial secretary, whose duty it is to secure from each member a pledge for the current

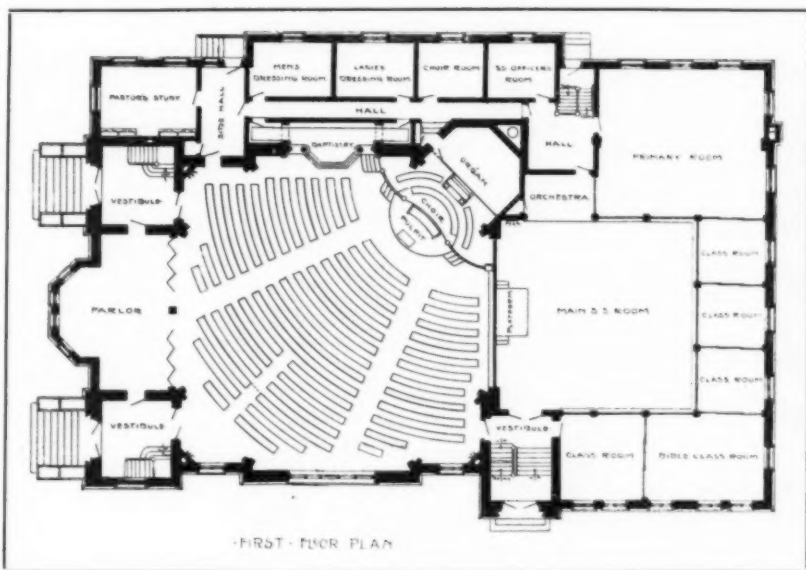
expenses of the church, to be paid in weekly installments. By means of this systematic giving we have enough in the treasury at the end of each month to meet all obligations.

church, however, does not depend on these special meetings entirely. Few Lord's days pass without witnessing confessions. One of the secrets of this may be found in the fact that each morning before the time for public worship the pastor and elders meet together in the study for a season of prayer.

We do not hesitate to say that in all the brotherhood we believe Russell F. Thrapp has few equals. His fearlessness in proclaiming the Truth, his wonderful executive ability, his zeal for missions, and his consecration to the work of saving souls have not been surpassed by any, yet a more Godly array of men will not be found than that which heads this article of those who have been our pastors.

We realize that our responsibilities are in proportion to our blessings, and with this mighty man of God at the helm, and this large and ever-increasing membership, we must do a great work for the Master; we must feel that all this equipment has

been given us in order that we may work more effectively; and with the plea of primitive Christianity, we must go on to still greater conquests.



FIRST FLOOR PLANS, NEW JACKSONVILLE CHURCH.

The balcony floor will contain church gallery, the seats of which are as desirable as those on the first floor; also the Sunday school balcony, with nine class rooms for Bible class purposes. The church will be heated by steam and lighted by both gas and electricity, the electric lights being distributed along the architectural lines as a decorative feature. The basement will contain large dining-room, kitchen, parlor, and an entertainment hall, seating 450. The entertainment hall will be provided with platform and dressing-rooms, and will be connected with dining-room by accordion doors.

Last year, in February, Charles Reign Scoville held a meeting for us in which three hundred came to Christ, two-thirds of whom were men. The growth of the

### ON THE RESULT of THE RUSSIAN INVASION of POLAND

Alfred Tennyson

How long, O God, shall men be ridden down,  
And trampled under by the last and least  
Of men? The heart of Poland hath not ceased  
To quiver, though her sacred blood doth drown  
The fields, and out of every smouldering town  
Cries to Thee, lest brute Power be increased,  
Till that o'ergrown Barbarian in the East  
Transgress his ample bound to some new crown:—  
Cries to Thee, "Lord how long shall these things be?  
How long shall the icy-hearted Muscovite  
Oppress the region?" Us, O Just and Good,  
Forgive, who smiled when she was torn in three;  
Us who stand now, when we should aid the right—  
A matter to be wept with tears of blood!

### THE COLUMBIA CONGRESS.

(Continued from page 309.)

one of the best addresses, two rather, including the reviews, of the entire session, by two of the best men. W. M. Forrest discussed "The New Theology in Its Bearing Upon the Problem of Christian Missions," which was ably reviewed by G. D. Edwards of Missouri. The opinion seemed to be that the new theology is an assurance of enduring and increasing enthusiasm in Christian missions.

W. E. Garrison of Butler College presented the report of the committee on time and place, recommending Cincinnati, if agreeable to the brethren there, and the time as fixed by the constitution. F. N. Calvin of St. Louis, chairman of the last session, spoke appreciatingly of the Congress, thanks were voted to our genial hosts, and the session adjourned.

Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul;  
Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll;  
And when he comes to call thee, arise and follow fast.  
His way may lead through darkness, but it leads to light at last.

### ABSENCE

Helen Hunt Jackson

The shortest absence brings to every thought  
Of those we love a solemn tenderness.  
It is akin to death. We now confess,  
Seeing the loneliness their loss has brought,  
That they were dearer far than we had taught  
Ourselves to think. We see that nothing less  
Than hope of their return could cheer or bless  
Our weary days. We wonder how for aught  
Or all of fault in them, we could heed  
Or anger with their loving presence near,  
Or wound them by the smallest word or deed.  
Dear absent love of mine! It did not need  
Thy absence to tell me thou were dear,  
And yet the absence maketh it more clear.

If divine truth were limited to the amount that any one man can comprehend, there would not be enough of it for all.



# The Quiet King

Caroline Atwater Mason,

Author of  
"A Wind Flower,"  
"A Minister of the World," etc.

## CHAPTER XI.

O Lord God of hosts,  
How long wilt thou be angry against the  
prayer of thy people?  
Thou hast fed them with the bread of  
tears,  
And given them tears to drink in large  
measure.  
Thou makest us a strife unto our neigh-  
bors:  
And our enemies laugh among them-  
selves.—The Psalms.

Eight years had passed since the departure of Ithamar and his fellow patriots for Rome when, on an autumn morning in Jerusalem, three young men might have been seen passing down the street of the upper city leading to the royal bridge.

The eldest of the three was of sturdy figure, with strong features and frank, clear eyes. There was a certain simplicity in his costume and bearing and even in the expression of his face, in spite of its marked intelligence, which betokened the provincial. Beside him walked a slender youth with the refined and thoughtful face of the scholar. His eyes had a peculiar dreamy introspection in their look under the high, white forehead, and his features indicated fine perception and sensibility while they were not lacking in manly strength. The long and ample garments of these two friends were alike conformed to the prevailing costume of the Jews, but the young man who walked by their side wore a short white tunic, after the manner of young Greeks of the period, over which, fastened upon the right shoulder, was a white mantle, also short, and richly embroidered with gold and jewels. The form of this youth was remarkable both for delicacy and athletic grace, and his bearing was singularly proud. He had a fine head and a dark, handsome face, attractive in spite of a somewhat imperious and impatient expression.

As the three friends neared the magnificent building of the hippodrome, gorgeous with its ornaments of gold and silver and rich sculpture, the student, in whom we recognize the son of Ithamar, now grown to manhood, laid his hand on the shoulder of the last-named youth, saying:

"Surely, Adriel, thou wilt come to-day with Philip and me to the academy, wilt thou not?" He smiled as he spoke, but there was an undertone of anxiety in his voice.

"Nay, Lazarus," the other made answer carelessly, "what care I for the academy and the endless poring over those dull books? Half that the rabbis teach us is musty rubbish, and the other half I know already. This is the academy that best befits a young man who wants to know himself and the power of life and joy!" and with sparkling eyes he glanced toward the great theater.

The young man who had been called Philip looked on with unconcealed displeasure.

"A strange place, it would seem, for

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a Jew," he exclaimed, "in the halls of the heathen! If thou hast no religion, Adriel, to restrain thee, thou mightest at least have patriotism sufficient not to bow thus to insults put upon thy nation," and his glance at the temple confronting the theater across the chasm of the Tyropæon told his thought.

"Ah, you take life too seriously, my good fellows," said Adriel, with half-unconscious insolence. "What is gained by wearing sullen faces and forever dashing your poor, devoted heads against the marble walls of the Roman power? The walls are nothing weakened, look you, and you have broken heads, and it may be broken hearts as well, for your pains."

At the last words Lazarus looked with wondering reproach into the face of Adriel, who met the look with a gentler word in his foster-brother's ear, which however, did but deepen the sadness of the young scholar's face.

"Then it is farewell, Adriel, is it?" he asked gravely.

"I believe it must be, my brother," was Adriel's answer, given in a half-apologetic tone; "I promised Sebastian to run a race with him in the gymnasium at this hour."

With this the friends parted, Philip and Lazarus pursuing their way to the academy, which Philip, who had come from Galilee, was sojourning in Jerusalem in order to attend, while Adriel entered the splendid hall of the hippodrome, where he was met and welcomed by a number of young men of the court as a familiar companion.

On his return home that evening Lazarus found his mother, Rhoda, waiting anxiously for him. With her was Elon, the old friend of Ithamar, grown older, but with the same sagacious face and courtly manner as before. He now occupied the position of chamberlain in the court of Archelaus as he had formerly in that of Herod. A patriot and loyal to the heart, this man had found that he could best serve the interests of his people by retaining a position close to the ruling power, and this he had done through all the tumultuous times which followed the death of Herod, when all Palestine was in arms and revolution followed revolution.

Rhoda, in whose sad and careworn face it would be hard to recognize the proud and joyous young mother of the earlier day, was profoundly agitated, as her son perceived, and he threw an arm around her and bent to kiss her forehead with reverent and affectionate solicitude.

"My son," said Rhoda, trembling with excitement, "Elon, thy father's friend, hath come to tell me that he hath knowledge of thy father!"

At this announcement the young man grew white to the lips and gazed in speechless amazement at the chamberlain.

It is necessary to go back for a little and rehearse what befell the embassy led by Ithamar, which went to Rome upon the accession of Archelaus to appeal to Cæsar against the house of

Herod. Arrived in the imperial city, they found a strong following among the Roman Jews, and on the day appointed they were permitted to come before the Emperor Augustus, at which time they were confronted by Archelaus himself and many others of his family. With equal courage and power Ithamar pleaded the cause of his people, disclosing the cruel treacheries and bloody outrages of Herod and of Archelaus, and begging in proud humility that the all-powerful emperor would give the Jewish people the right under himself to govern themselves by their own laws.

The claims of Archelaus had already been eloquently set forth by the orator Nikolaus, and strengthened by every possible craft and wile in the power of the son of Herod, who had even thrown himself at the emperor's feet; but the impressive personality of Ithamar, the spectacle of fifty men of noble presence and bearing, who had taken their lives in their hands and made the long and perilous journey from the remote province to appeal to him in person, and whose plea was reinforced by the presence of thousands of his own citizens, made a strong impression upon the mind of Augustus. For a time he wavered in his purpose of confirming Archelaus, according to the testament of Herod, as his successor; but he finally compromised, declaring the aspiring prince ethnarch, not king, and promising the Jews that he should be deposed unless he proved worthy of his office.

It now remained for Ithamar and his companions to return across the wide and perilous waters of the Mediterranean, bearing some results at least of their enterprise, if not all that they had hoped. The long voyage was safely accomplished, and a little band consisting of Joseph of Arimathea, Enoch of Bethsaida, and Ithamar of Jerusalem, landed at nightfall on the quay at Cæsarea, nearly two years from the time when they embarked. With hearts beating high with joy and expectation, they turned their faces toward home, thinking of wives and children waiting for them there. Then Joseph and Enoch, at first to their annoyance, and later to their alarm and terror, found that they had in some way, in the dark streets of Cæsarea, become separated from Ithamar. Of their perplexity and dismay it is needless to write. They sought for him day and night, week after week; but they sought in vain, and to Joseph was given the sorrowful duty of entering the home in Jerusalem and making known to Rhoda the mysterious disappearance of her husband.

(Continued next week.)

I would not enter on my list of friends,  
Though graced with polished manners  
and fine sense,

Yet wanting sensibility, the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

—Cowper.

Good books are like friends who are  
never peevish, never fret or quarrel  
with us.

## FROM THE FIELD

### TELEGRAMS.

Paris, Ill., March 27, 1905.

Four hundred in 31 days; 101 signed Endeavor pledge yesterday. Continue Scoville and Smith evangelists.

Finis Idleman, Pastor.

Winchester, Ill., March 26, 1905.

Closed to-night with 131 additions, 110 baptisms, 40 men. Sunday school doubled. Wharton and people have worked hard. This is a fine church. Allen Wilson, evangelist.

### GENERAL.

Rev. C. C. Rowlinson, pastor Church of Christ at Kenton, Ohio, has been chosen president of Hiram College. He will take charge May 1st. A fuller statement will be given next week.

Let the churches be prompt to send in their offerings for Foreign Missions, as other interests will demand attention. The taking of the offering is in order until it receives due attention.

Dr. Clinton Lockhart of Drake University has been granted a leave of absence for one year. He, in company with C. S. Medbury and others, expects to make a trip to Palestine during the time.

Drake University has \$17,000 of the \$25,000 needed for the new Bible college. The remaining \$8,000 it is hoped will be forthcoming soon.

A. D. Veatch, who has been studying in the University of Chicago the past year, has been re-elected to his former position in Drake University.

The American Christian Missionary Society is in receipt of two annuities, one for \$300 from one of our faithful preachers with a promise to increase the amount. The other for \$500 from a friend in Indiana.

### CHICAGO

W. E. Gordon spoke at Austin Sunday night.

L. R. Hotaling has changed his address from 149 S. D. University of Chicago to 59 Division street, Ashtabula, O.

Walter Lertz and Ethel Evans were united in marriage March 15th. C. A. Young officiating. The Christian Century extends congratulations.

Paul, the six year old son of Dr. Willett, who was seriously injured by a fall ten days ago, is recovering favorably and has promise of complete restoration.

First Christian Church—Four persons have been added to the First Christian church at regular services during the past month. The offering for Foreign Missions was \$65.00.

There were six additions at Logan square, Sunday. The charter membership roll was opened, and 18 enrolled. C. L. Waite, pastor at Douglas Park, preaches at Logan square Sunday afternoons.

The Austin church will hold services next Sunday at 3 p. m. in the Odd Fellows' hall, Maywood. This meeting is held in order to discover how many disciples are living in that suburb, after which future efforts will be decided upon. George A. Campbell will preach. Any one knowing of any members living in Maywood are requested to let him know.

R. J. Whitson spoke for the Metropolitan church Sunday morning, and G. A. Campbell at the evening service.

Jackson Boulevard—Eleven confession Sunday—seven young men. The concert at the dedication of the new pipe organ will be under the direction of the Chicago Musical College. Dr. Lewis Falk will preside at the organ and some of Chicago's most noted singers will be on the program. Remember April 20 is the date. Tickets, one dollar.

The Metropolitan church has continued to prosper and receive richest blessings in the few weeks since our last report. We have loaned our pastor and Bro. De Loss Smith to the Paris church for the greatest meeting ever held in our state. Bro. Finis Idleman of Paris filled our pulpit for three Sundays during Dr. Scoville's absence and has endeared himself to the hearts of this people by his consecrated, earnest zeal for the Master. He is certainly one of God's noblemen. Bro. R. J. Whitson and Bro. Geo. A. Campbell were with us on Lord's day and preached inspiring sermons.

The Chicago ministers attended the Ministers' Interdenominational conference of the Divinity school, University of Chicago. The subject discussed: "How May the Religious Life of Colleges and Universities be Deepened." Short addresses were made by President R. D. Harlan, of Lake Forest University; Prof. W. A. Scott, of the University of Wisconsin; on the situation in (1) The Denominational Colleges, (2) In the State Universities. On the Means of Improvement, Clayton S. Cooper, Dr. T. P. Frost, pastor First M. E. church, Evanston, and President E. D. Eaton, of Beloit College, made brief addresses.

### CONGRESS NOTES

J. C. Creel was looking as young and vigorous as when he came to Missouri, nearly twenty years ago.

Robt. G. Frank of Liberty, Mo., reported that they have finished their new parsonage, and are now at work getting ready for a new church.

Howard T. Cree, now of Augusta, Ga., greatly enjoyed meeting friends, and took a vigorous part in the Congress.

When L. H. Otto was asked what he was doing he replied, "Preaching." "And what is your preaching doing?" "Well, the baptistry doesn't get dry."

The church at Chillicothe and Jas. N. Crutcher seem to be mutually happy.

W. J. Lhamon, Dean of the Missouri Bible College, recently lectured on "Ben Hur" for the students.

Baxter Waters, from Hiawatha, Kansas, is a Missourian who has gone west, and rather likes it.

Dr. J. L. Calhoun of Lexington, Kentucky, delivered an able address and entered enthusiastically into the sessions.

The attendance, as usual, was largely local, but the spirit was the best, and only good can result.

A. J. Elliott of Peoria, Illinois, was one of the few business men present. Mrs. Elliott accompanied him.

M. McDonald of Missouri was a close listener at every session.

### ILLINOIS.

Sandoral, March 20.—John L. Brandt, pastor of First Church, St. Louis, is holding an interesting meeting here. Nine confessions to date.—Laura Shanklin.

Paul H. Castle goes from Chambersburg to Central Park, Montana.

E. D. Frazier and H. H. Samelers closed the meeting at Chandlersville with 12 additions. They go to St. Petersburg, Florida.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Washington, Ill., will give a bazaar on April 1st.

D. W. Madden, who came from the ministry of the M. E. Church a year ago, is a young man of fine ability, and the work at Washington, Ill., prospers under his care.

New Bedford, March 17.—F. A. Sword just closed a meeting with us, resulting in 76 additions; 41 of these are heads of families. The congregation dedicated its new building Jan. 1st.—J. F. Smith, minister.

Franklin, March 22.—We are having a good meeting here. Twenty additions so far, nineteen being grown people. Evangelist C. A. Burton is one of the strongest evangelists with whom it has been my pleasure to work.—Charles E. McVay, Singing Evangelist.

The Central Illinois Ministerial Institute will meet at Eureka April 10 and 11. President King of Oberlin College will be the principal speaker. Others who will speak are: Prof. Radford and H. H. Peters of Eureka; J. H. Gilliland, Bloomington; R. F. Thrapp, Jacksonville. Those who expect to attend the institute should write A. W. Taylor, pastor.

W. J. Bryan will speak at Eureka April 14 under the auspices of the Monroe Club, which is composed of college and business men.

The church at Decatur will dedicate its new building Sunday, April 2nd. J. H. Gilliland will preach the sermon. F. W. Burnham is the pastor. The program is: Dedication sermon at 10:30 a. m.; communion and fellowship meeting, 3 p. m.; formal dedication and evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m.

C. A. Young, president of the Christian Century company, is assisting Mr. Stone of Dixon, Ill., in a meeting. Since the close of the "Sunday" meetings a number have indicated their preference for the Christian church. There have been 100 added to the church to date; the meeting continues this week. Mr. Stone is an excellent pastor as well as a good preacher. The Dixon church is in fine condition.

Bloomington—J. H. Gilliland, the pastor of the Second Christian church, has enjoyed a most wonderful pastorate in Bloomington. On the anniversary of his birthday last week the members of his church presented him with a handsome diamond. A reception was tendered the new members of the congregation on Friday evening, March 24, which proved a most happy event. Ninety-five of the 117 new members recently added to the church, were present and welcomed by both pastor and people into their new church home.

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### IOWA.

The meeting at Central Church, Des Moines, closed last week with about one hundred additions. Victor Dorris is ill the last few days, and unable to preach. Chas. S. Medbury of University Place Church was called to fill the vacant nights.

One of the strongest nuclei of Disciples is the church at Clarion, county seat of Wright Co. C. H. Mattox is about to leave after a successful pastorate. Some happy church will secure a good preacher, and some fortunate man a good church.

Frank G. Tyrrell of St. Louis gave his pleasing lecture, "Sleepy Heads," to an appreciative audience at the opera house, Eddyville, March 16.

The directors of Drake University have decided to celebrate the quarter centennial of that institution in June. W. W. Williams, C. M. Pinkerton and Miss Mary Carpenter are the committee on arrangements.

J. H. Regan is having a successful season at Eddyville. Miss America M. Iva, the singing evangelist, is assisting.

The church at Hamburg, B. F. Hall, minister, is rejoicing over the liquidation of its building debt. The last \$1,700 is covered by good and reliable pledges, payable on or before April 6th, most of them are paid, and the money is in the bank. This congregation is only five years old, but it numbers 200, and occupies one of the neatest and best arranged brick houses in the state. It is a tree of Herbert Cies' planting.

Red Oak has a vigorous man at the helm, Geo. H. Nicol, who took hold Jan. 1, moving from Dallas, Ill. Prayer meetings crowd the lecture room; the Y. P. S. C. E. and the Juniors flourish apace; nineteen additions to the membership up to March 15th. Bro. Nicol is a close student and his praise is among the churches as an evangelist and lecturer. He delivers a series of lectures entitled "From the Garden of Eden to the New Jerusalem."

Marshalltown meeting closed recently with seventy-six confessions. Great crowds till the last and interest deeper last week than any previous one.—James and Lintt.

Jefferson, March 20.—Three added recently, one by letter, two by confession and baptism. Will have some time for evangelistic work. Would like to correspond with churches desiring meetings.—E. W. Bowers.

Clarksburg, March 23.—April 2nd we will close our 15 months' pastorate here. During the year there have been 25 additions to the church. We have made no arrangements for the future, but expect to enter another pastorate.—D. L. Morris.

Guy L. Zerby, Oskaloosa, reports a good offering from his church at Richland.

Following the Union meeting by Evangelist Sunday at Mason City, the Christian Church held a meeting, the Pastor, W. W. Burks, doing the preaching, and H. A. Easton leading the singing. There were 110 additions, 83 baptisms.

Coon Rapids, March 11.—Our meeting is beginning encouragingly, audiences increasing, the singing is good. Lawrence and Edward Wright are unexcelled.—M. C. Hutchinson, Pastor.

### INDIANA.

Dean Jabez Hall of Butler College preached at Marion Sunday morning.

In April M. V. Harkins will assist H. S. Wingard of Central Church, Marion, in a meeting.

Edgar F. Daugherty, minister of the Wabash congregation, is in the midst of a successful meeting. The house is crowded at each service.

Lynn, March 23.—Eleven added in meeting conducted by Pastor Willis M. Cunningham and Song Evangelists Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Williamson of Illinois.

Noblesville, March 20.—R. S. Martin is in a meeting here. Audiences at the church yesterday were large. The mass meeting at the opera house was one of the largest meetings ever held in the city. E. B. Barnes is the pastor and is doing a great work.—R. S. Martin.

Peru, March 20.—We have just had a successful meeting and that without catch-penny methods. The pastor, J. L. Thompson, did the preaching. The singing was led by P. M. Kendall, assisted by his wife. The meeting lasted 24 days and there were 66 additions to the church.—W. H. Petty, Elder.

The Alexandria church is building a new house of worship. J. S. Grant, their

minister, preaches for the church at Banco, Huntington county, two Sundays each month.

The Elwood congregation is enjoying a fine meeting with Robert Sellers, its pastor.

The S. M. Martin meeting continues at the New Albany Central with 112 to date. Thos. Young of the Bible College, Lexington, Ky., has accepted a call to this place.

Fred Grimes has just closed a very successful meeting at Corydon, with 43 additions.

Ft. Wayne.—I am glad that our offering for Foreign Missions keeps the Jefferson Street Church in Living Link column for the third year.—E. W. Allen.

Terre Haute, March 20.—Last night we closed a good meeting at the College Avenue Church. There were 25 additions to the church, 15 by confession and baptism, eight by statement from other Christian churches. A C. E. Society was organized with 24 members. Dr. Rhodes of this city has charge of the singing.—Leonard V. Barbree, Pastor, 1028 S. 4th St.

New Albany.—Three additions at regular services Sunday, two by baptism, one by statement.

A recent report of the First Church in South Bend, Ind., shows that during the past five years, under the pastoral leadership of P. J. Rice, there have been 340 additions, \$24,000 receipts, \$5,500 expenditures for city missions, \$3,800 for missionary work elsewhere, and a healthy growth in the number of workers and the volume of work accomplished.

### KANSAS.

Hartford, March 20.—Twenty additions in three weeks. Chas. McCray is with me as musical director.—D. J. Donaldson, State Evangelist.

Independence, March 16.—Our meeting here is in the third week; 73 additions to date.—H. S. Northcutt, Evangelist; J. A. Langston, Pastor.

The First District Convention will be held in Hiawatha April 25 to 27. The speakers from without the district will be: G. W. Muckley, Kansas City; H. A. Denton, Maryville, Mo.; Professor and Mrs. Wallace Payne, Lawrence, Kan. Those expecting to attend should write the pastor, Baxter Waters.

S. D. Dutcher has just held a short meeting with the church at Hiawatha, which was very helpful to the church. There were several additions.

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Maryville.—The Sunday school expects to retain the banner for largest gifts to benevolences another year. The classes are thoroughly organized for the work. They expect to raise \$200 on Children's Day and \$100 for state Bible school work.

Columbia.—Miss Jennie Fleming has organized an Intermediate C. E. Society with 27 members. There are 70 members of the Senior society.

Mexico.—The foundation for the new church building is about complete. The building will cost about \$25,000. A. W. Kokedorffer is doing excellent work.

Since J. J. Morgan began work with the South Prospect Church, Kansas City, the church has paid all indebtedness, amounting to \$6,000. At the same time there has been a net increase of 160 to the membership of the church. The church is now giving special attention to the S. S. work. The S. S. has a membership of 400.

A Generous Gift.—I am just back from a visit to St. Joseph and while there Bro. M. M. Goode and myself visited Bro. J. C. Wyatt and he told us to put him down for \$1,000 for the Permanent Fund. This is as it should be. Our business men are coming to our assistance. It is a gracious deed for which we are exceedingly grateful and we trust to receive many such before the year is out.—Yours in His name, T. A. Abbott.

A local paper publishes an extended account of the celebration of D. W. Moore's seventh anniversary with South Street church, Springfield. The treasurer, E. N. Ferguson, presented the following summary of receipts:

Cash on hand, \$112; 1898 receipts, \$3,090.59; 1899 receipts, \$3,040.79; 1900 receipts, \$3,353.78; 1901 receipts, \$3,683.98; 1902 receipts, \$3,606.47; 1903 receipts, \$5,122.66; 1904 receipts, \$5,112.18. Total, \$27,122.55. Cash on hand March 5, 1905, \$1,013.16.

The report for the last year shows:

Cash on hand Feb. 28, 1904.....\$ 895.13  
Receipts ..... 5,112.18

Total .....\$6,007.31  
Disbursements—  
Local work .....\$3,775.69  
Missions ..... 1,218.46

Totals .....\$4,994.11  
Cash on hand March 5, 1905..... 1,013.16

The local membership has grown from 563 to 734 in the city and 73 on the "out of town" list, making a total of 807 names on the roll to date. This is a great host.

Two young men have recently offered themselves upon the altar for the cause of Christ. One for the foreign and one for the home field. These young men are both in Drury college at present, fitting themselves for this work. When the time comes for them to go forth, equipped to the whitening fields, it is believed that South Street Christian church will count it a joy to make them her representatives.

Our National Benevolent Association has just received its third annuity gift (of \$200) from a good woman of California. These repeated gifts are highly prized as endorsements of our annuity methods. Information concerning this ministry and this method will be given on inquiry by Geo. L. Snively, Gen. Sec., 903 Aubert Ave., St. Louis.

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**NEBRASKA.**

Hastings, March 15.—B. B. Burton has just closed a meeting here, resulting in 42 additions. The last three weeks the meetings were held in the Methodist church.—J. A. Downey.

Bruchard, March 18.—R. A. Givens, singing evangelist, is assisting the pastor, T. A. Lindenmeyer, in a meeting. There have been two additions and the interest is growing.

**NEW YORK.**

Bernard P. Smith, Rochester, writes: "We had a good missionary offering and are now planning for a protracted meeting. One added last Sunday and one the preceding Sunday."

Stephen J. Corey, state evangelist, has just closed a meeting for Perry McPherson of Dunkirk, with about 30 additions. This speaks much for both pastor and evangelist. The work at that point is constantly growing in interest.

Troy, March 17.—The evangelistic campaign in the River Street Church closed last night. The Brooks Bros. led us in this, one of the most successful revivals in the history of the Troy Church. There were 74 confessions and 11 by statement and letter.—G. B. Townsend.

Last week the Foreign Society received another gift of \$500 on the Annuity Plan from a friend in Indiana. This is the 230th bond issued by this society. Two other friends in Ohio will turn over a thousand dollars each in a few days. The Foreign Society has made a gain of about \$7,000 in its annuity gifts during the current missionary year.

**OHIO.**

A. E. Meeks Millwood, will give one-fourth his time to the church at Blackleyville.

A. F. Stahl, Akron, closed a two weeks' meeting at Danville, March 15th, with 15 added.

McArthur, March 20.—One confession at regular service yesterday.—H. C. Boblitt.

There were 83 accessions in a recent meeting held by E. S. DeMiller at Nelsonville. Seventy-one of these were baptisms.

The Bagby, Hackleman meeting at the Central Church of Columbus closed with 49 added, 19 of which were by primary obedience.

T. J. White closed a four weeks' meeting at Cygnet, March 5, with 61 accessions.

There is a good opening for a homeopathic physician at Carthage.—Chas. M. Fillmore.

Steubenville, March 20.—Six additions last night at the regular service. We will remain in the Living Link line.—H. H. Moninger.

H. H. Elivings will close his work at Hebron April 1st and go to Fayette. During his three years' work with this church there have been more than 50 additions to the membership.

Carthage, March 20.—Harlan P. Runyan of Latonia, Ky., just closed an excellent meeting for me with 18 added, 17 by baptism. Miss Ida Hanna of Cincinnati rendered excellent service as singing evangelist. I commend both of them most highly.—Chas. M. Fillmore.

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### OKLAHOMA.

Newkirk, March 14.—Three accessions since last report. Two years ago we were \$350 in debt on the church building, and the Home Board was helping us liberally. We are now out of debt and have outgrown the need of help from the Home Board. We have had accessions every Sunday of this year, and we are much rejoiced at the outlook.—F. D. Wharton.

The North District Convention was held at Wagoner Feb. 14 to 16. There were present representatives from ten Churches, besides visitors from Oklahoma, Iowa and Texas. The sessions were enthusiastic, helpful and well attended. The entertainment furnished by the Wagoner church was fine. The program was carried out as published. A constitution was agreed upon, also a plan of work. Officers were elected. Seventy dollars was pledged for District work, and four of the preachers volunteered their time to hold one meeting free of cost to the board. S. R. Hawkins acted as temporary chairman. The permanent officers are: President, Geo. F. Duffy; vice-president, J. H. Crutcher; secretary and treasurer, F. L. Van Vorhis. The next convention goes to Tulsa.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

H. K. Pendleton at Atlanta, Richard W. Wallace at Valdosta and Howard T. Cree at Augusta are additions to the preaching force of Georgia this past year and will doubtless be of great assistance to our cause in that state.

The church at Footville, Wis., has just closed a three weeks' meeting which resulted in fourteen additions to the church, twelve by confession. The preaching was done by O. F. Jordan of Rockford, Ill.

Jacksonville, March 13.—There were six additions at our regular services at the Church Street Christian Church yesterday—four by confession and baptism, one by relation and one by letter from the Brockton Church, Mass. Others are to be baptized this week, several of them from our Sunday school.—T. Henry Blenus.

The new church at California, Pa., was dedicated March 5th, by L. L. Carpenter of Wabash, Ind. H. L. Atkinson is the pastor.

### A Reliable Heart Cure.

Alice A. Wetmore, Box 67, Norwich, Conn., says if any sufferer from Heart Disease will write her, she will, without charge, direct them to the perfect cure she used.

The condition of the Central Church in Detroit is most satisfactory. C. J. Tanner's work as pastor is growing in power. The foreign offering was a surprise in its amount. Plans are being made for the organization of a new congregation.

After nearly six years of faithful service J. E. Spiegel has resigned his pastorate at Candersville, Ga. Bro. Spiegel is popular with everybody in Sandersville and the church is pleading with him to withdraw his resignation, but with what effect we have not learned.

Richard S. Martin has just closed a good meeting for Brother Mobley at Weatherford, Okla.

A. W. Jeffress of Illinois, who recently gave our National Benevolent Association \$1,000 on the Annuity Plan, duplicated that generous gift on the 19th inst.

E. J. Ferguson, treasurer of the Soniat Avenue Church, New Orleans, La., says: "Soniat Avenue is just eleven months old. We have fifty members on the roll, active members about forty. Our apportionment for Foreign Missions was \$10. Our contribution is \$100." This church has done exceedingly well, having raised ten times its apportionment for Foreign Missions.

### HIRAM'S NEW PRESIDENT.

The Hiram Trustees met in Cleveland Friday afternoon, March 17, and by unanimous vote elected C. C. Rowilson president of the college. He has resigned his pastorate at Kenton, Ohio, and will assume his new duties as soon as it is possible to adjust his affairs.

Hiram College is one of our oldest and most honored institutions. James A. Garfield, B. A., Hinsdale and E. V. Zollas honored it with their services, and were honored by the service. The college has an endowment of \$200,000 in first class securities, and has an annual income of \$20,000. The Trustees of the college are devoted to its interests, and a large constituency of former students are working enthusiastically for its prosperity. About 300 students are now enrolled, and the graduating class numbers forty. Prof. E. B. Wakefield has been acting president for the past two years.

Carlos C. Rowilson was born May 5, 1865, at Kent, Jefferson Co., Ind. His first taste of college life he received at Hanover College, a Presbyterian institution near his boyhood home. He entered Eureka College in 1887, from which he received the degree of A. B. upon his

graduation in 1891. After preaching a year for the church at Gibson City, Ill., he entered the Divinity School of Harvard University, graduating therefrom with the degree of B. D. in 1895. Mr. Rowilson was chosen by the faculty to represent the Divinity School on the commencement program. Since then he has held the pastorate of the churches at Jefferson City, Mo., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the Third Church, Indianapolis, and at Kenton, O. For years he has been deeply interested in educational work and comes to his new field with well defined purposes.

We have just received a fine circular announcing the lectures of the literary study of the Bible by E. P. Wiles, A. M., under the management of the Echo Bureau, 358 Dearborn street, Chicago. We know Prof. Wiles personally. He attended the University of Michigan and has fine literary taste as well as strong intellectual ability. His lecture titles are: "The Lyrics of Israel," "History and Story," "The Sacred Number Seven," "The Drama of Job." Those desiring the services of Prof. Wiles should address him at Muncie, Ind.

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No. of contributing churches.....	128	255	127
Amount .....	\$2,769.24	\$4,720.34	\$1,951.10

These are the most encouraging returns for a number of years. Let all the churches press forward and make sure the quarter of a million dollars by September 30th. F. M. RAINS, Cincinnati, O. Cor. Sec.

### THE HOT SPRINGS FIRE.

On Saturday morning, February 25th, the sun rose on a grand and awful scene. We viewed it from the roof of our home, where we were fighting in a rain of fire to save all we had. For hundreds of feet on the sky line about us there arose a wall of forked tongued flames swept on by a forty-mile gale. Twenty-four blocks of the southern part of the city, including one hundred business houses and hotels and five hundred residences, were swept away. Five thousand people were rendered homeless, among which were many Disciples. The loss of life was not great, but the property loss was great, estimated at \$1,500,000.

Just one word with our friends about our church work here. For seven years we have sacrificed and toiled to build up the cause. Will this fire sweep away all our efforts or will you come to our rescue in this awful hour of darkness? All the money we can raise must go in a relief fund to care for homeless brethren, and not a dollar of the large subscription list which we had secured in the city to meet our next payment on the first day of April can now be collected. The gentleman from whom we purchased the lot



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Only a little more than three months now to the State Convention and over half of the churches that gave last year have yet to respond. Surely there is need for haste, the King's business demands it, hurry! hurry!! hurry!!!

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## LOS ANGELES LETTER.

Southern California grows with marvelous rapidity. Her population has practically doubled within the past five years. Los Angeles heads the procession as might well be expected. Our churches are growing. The First Church had 225 persons added to her membership at the regular services last year. That was the best record in my fifteen years' service for this great church. Her youngest child, the Magnolia Avenue Church, grew into a membership of 200 in her first year's history. Many other Southern California churches grow with equal rapidity.

We are in a great union revival campaign all over Southern California. Almost every town has such union efforts. J. Wilbur Chapman, aided by six evangelists, each with a singer, spent three weeks in Los Angeles. They divided the city into seven districts and in each of these districts an evangelist and singer were placed. More than three thousand persons signed cards expressing their purpose to henceforth lead Christian lives. Fifty of these cards expressed a preference for our Church. Of these 50 I have reached only five. So far as I can determine, not more than 20 per cent of the 3,000 card signers will be added to the membership of the various churches of the city. Drs. Chapman, Ostram and Biederwolf are strong preachers and their preaching can be much more justly criticized for the things they do not say than for the things they say. Their preaching is a very distinct advance in doctrine upon the doctrines preached in such meetings ten years ago.

The First and Magnolia Avenue churches of this city united in a two weeks' meeting with Evangelist Sumner T. Martin in the pulpit, with eighty added to the two churches. Other meetings are now in progress in Southern California.

The time for the general convention at San Francisco draws near. The time is Aug. 17-24. There ought to be a large number of Disciples from all parts of the United States visit this convention. The time of the year is ideal for a convention on the coast. The weather will be perfect. There is no finer place in this or any other country to spend a vacation than anywhere near the ocean along the

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I just returned from our old home at Auburn, Neb., where I was two days with my father before he crossed over the river. It was a sad and yet happy ministry to lay his weary body on the hill side. It hath its compensations in the rich heritage he left us, in the sweet memories that inspire, in the reunions to be enjoyed, and in the consciousness that his weight of years have been touched with the youth of eternal spring. My earliest memory is seeing him buried with Christ in the watery grave in a stream that flowed by the old homestead. He arose from that grave with Christ and was still in his fellowship when he faded from our earthly vision.

We held our annual meeting in January. We raised over nine thousand dollars last year, made a net gain of sixty-five in membership, and gave the most of any year to missions. Our work never booms, but every year finds something definitely laid out and accomplished.

Brother Neil of the Central Church is proving a splendid co-laborer. He has built up a good audience and has many additions. Besides his own work he has done much evangelistic work in the state. His recent meeting at Redwood Falls gathered sixty-five into the fold.

Bro. Bicknell has closed his work as state evangelist and is now in a good meeting with his home church at Elmwood, Neb. He is a great loss to our state work. He is a good preacher in head and heart, but he is the biggest preacher with his feet I ever knew. He is the most orthodox preacher in the brotherhood when it comes to ringing door bells, arraigning people "and compelling them to come in."

Brother Abberley reports the work in progressing shape at Portland avenue, Minneapolis. They have just installed a three thousand dollar pipe organ.

Brother Cline has just closed a meeting, conducted by home forces at Grand avenue, with fifteen added. This church is not three years old, but it is doing the most aggressive work. It has the largest Sunday school and Junior in the state.

C. B. Osgood just closed a meeting of about 20 additions at Concord. He goes to Rochester to help Bro. Wise in a meeting as soon as Bro. Wise returns from Ladysmith, Wis., where he has a meeting.

E. C. Nicholson, Redwood Falls, is in a meeting at Graze. This is a new point.

Mankato has called E. A. Orr from Illinois. Bro. Orr is not a stranger in our state. He has been a great help to our state and an inspiration to our ministry in former years.

The Southwestern District holds its convention March 1-3.

Many new preachers are coming into our state. Bro. Oliver reports that the churches are the best manned and by the best men in the history of our work.

A. D. Harmon.

It is well to remember that the almighty dollar is not the eternal dollar.

#### NEBRASKA SECRETARY'S LETTER.

I. Clark, pastor at Beaver Crossing, reports 19 added at that place during his year's work, just closing.

A. G. Smith reports the Clay Center meeting, Simpson Ely, evangelist, as having closed on the 5th with 37 added, 30 by baptism, 1 by letter, 6 otherwise. Membership of the church now numbers over 200. Bible school over 100 and the work harmonious and prosperous; 45 have been added during his first year there, and a new house built and cleared of debt.

News from the foreign offering from several churches is most encouraging. Let the good work be pressed through March until all of our churches are enlisted.

The secretary preached at Havelock on the morning of the 5th. The Bible

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school has an average attendance of 50. The evening was given to a union service at one of the other churches in the town in the interest of Bible school work. They have their foundation all done except the front steps, and are ready to put on the roof, which will be the floor of the superstructure when finished. They propose to push this work so that they can get into the basement in a few weeks and be on their own property. They report the basement all paid for but about \$40 and the money is in sight for that and \$100 to apply on the roof. It is proposed to supply for a few weeks while looking for the right man to take the work.

The vigorous meeting at Elmwood, J. H. Bicknell, evangelist, closed on Monday, the 6th. There were 42 baptisms and 12 other accessions, all a net gain to the church, and of some of the best people in the town. The church is trying to secure Bro. Bicknell as a permanent pastor with good outlook for success.

H. C. Williams of Omaha recently preached for the church at Wakefield.

Architect Grant is at work on the tabernacle and dining hall plans, and we expect in a short time to have cuts made and the whole matter before the brethren. In the meantime send in those ones and twos and fives and twenty-fives for its construction. No money will be asked for the dining hall. We expect to make that pay for itself in time.

A short visit with Bro. Price at Beatrice was one of the pleasant events of the past week that came in the way of the secretary. He reports five additions during February.

Mrs. Princess Long, our national song princess, whose wonderful voice has so move the thousands that attend our great national conventions, is to be in the state for a few recitals. At York on the 14th, Omaha, northside, on the 15th, Lincoln 1st, on the 16th and Bethlehem the 17th. It will be an opportunity of a lifetime to hear this gifted singer.

Edward Clutter spent Lord's day 5th at Louisville, and one confession resulted. Bro. D. A. Youtzy is there now in a meeting and the outlook seems bright for a good work.

About \$400 was pledged by the First Church, Lincoln, to support Miss Olive Griffith in the foreign field. The work of soliciting goes on. Six hundred dollars is the amount necessary.

District meetings are now in order. They begin with No. 1 the first week in April at Brownville. No. 2 at First Church, Lincoln, the second week April, and then comes No. 3. No place named. Let us make these great rallying days for our general state missions. In the meantime remember that a report of your district will be given by the state secretary on apportionments. If you desire your congregation to be with the others, send in the offering.—W. A. Baldwin.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS LETTER.

South Dakota mission work moves forward. The indications are that this will be the best year ever in receipts for state work. However, we are greatly in need of men for this field. We ought to have a half dozen good clean men to fill vacancies. These fields can pay salaries of \$500 to \$700 to start with, and more as the work develops. The people of the Northwest are ambitious and liberal, and they appreciate the men who serve them efficiently. There are preach-

ers in the middle state cities who are railroading it out to some outside appointment Saturdays and back on Mondays who would more fully serve the cause and the Master were they to come and live with and serve the people of the great Northwest.

We hear quite a little of the heroism and self-denial of our foreign missionaries, and be it far from me to minimize their sacrifices, and we hear of others who would go to the foreign field, and are waiting to do so as soon as the Foreign Society can secure the money to send them. Would it not be well for these to accustom themselves to sacrifice while they wait by working in the home field. Abundant opportunity can be had in all the Northwest states for



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"The Christian Century" has decided to offer scholarships to this work, the regular price of which is \$30.00, to all interested readers of the "Century," on the cooperative plan. Any preacher who would like to take advantage of this course, or any church or society wishing to throw this opportunity open to the preacher of their church should address immediately for particulars.

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Miss Nina Palmer of South Elrod church is in Drake University preparing herself for larger usefulness.

G. W. Neal, who has been spending a month in Kentucky, is back at his work at Oacoma and Presho.

Three added recently at Armour under the ministry of the writer, who, in addition to his work as corresponding secretary and state evangelist, is trying to do the work of a pastor for this church. We have recently finished paying off the \$300 debt on church property, and have put in a new lighting plant. Any church wishing a better light, and desiring a real up-to-date plant, the use of which will be both a joy and an economy, may learn what we have by sending request with stamp.

The corresponding secretary assisted A. O. Swartwood in a meeting at Miller with three added.

R. D. McCance and L. W. Thompson have just closed a three weeks' meeting at Highmore with 8 additions, 8 baptisms and 6 otherwise.

A. O. Swartwood of Miller recently visited his old home at South Bethany near Columbus, Ind. While there held a short meeting which resulted in 9 additions, mostly by baptism.

The church at Tyndall, which has been greatly discouraged and disorganized, has renewed her courage and will do greater things in the future. The corresponding secretary has visited them several times in the past two months and assisted them to raise \$200 to pay on church debt.

The church at Platte has engaged C. W. Worden to serve as pastor during the coming year.

There are quite a number of Disciples at Geddes, where the state mission board hopes soon to establish a church.

G. W. Elliott has started a church paper at Brookings. Our state mission work is greatly in need of such a publication.

J. K. Shellenberger of Minnesota is in a meeting with A. N. Seymour at Arlington.

R. D. McCance hopes to have a meeting at Parker in the near future.

R. M. Ainsworth, late of New York, who formerly lived in this state and did a splendid work at Platte, is with us again and has taken the work at Alexandria. We gladly welcome his return.

The church at Sioux Falls, which has lost so heavily by removals during the past two years and has been greatly discouraged, is renewing the struggle and will in the near future make a payment of \$300 on the church debt. The writer spent Sunday, Jan. 22, with this church. There are some loyal people here.

It should be remembered that it is impossible for the secretary-evangelist to answer all the calls that come for meetings and other field work. Indeed two men full time would not be too many to do this work, even if we had means to sustain them. Hence calls for meetings should be in two or three months before the time set for them, for it is not often that the evangelist can pick up and go on short notice.

Do not fail to send in your offerings for state missions. We can make this a great year for state work if we earnestly try and send offerings promptly.

O. E. PALMER,

Armour, S. D. Sec.-Evangelist.

#### Legislative Bulletin from Local Option Campaign.

Springfield, March 15, 1905.—The Local Option Bill is squarely before the House of Representatives on the question of the committee to which the bill should be referred. Its opponents want it to go to the License committee, which is palpably hostile; its friends want it to go to the Elections committee, the one to which it was referred in the last session, because it is a fair committee and was appointed without reference to the Local Option question. The League has offered to relieve the Speaker from responsibility by agreeing to be satisfied if the House is allowed to settle for itself the question of which committee should be selected.

It was understood that the matter would be settled on Tuesday, March 14th, but the Speaker declined to allow it to be brought up and asked for a week's further time in order to take the matter up with the Steering committee. The best that could be gotten as an agreement to settle the matter on Tuesday, March 21st, which will be six weeks, lacking one day, from the time the Senate passed the bill. The responsibility is squarely located upon the Speaker and the Steering committee and upon their action will be determined the question whether the local option matter is to be injected into the politics of the state. The League has tried hard to keep it out of partisan politics but will not hesitate to lay upon the "organization" of any party the responsibility for the natural and inevitable result of its course and actions.

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